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FALCONS FLYING TOWARDS TITLE

. . . can Juve rally?

● Velimir Kupresak of St Albans clears powerfully over Croydon's Darren Scott in the game at Churchill Reserve that ended Croydon's championship hopes. Kupresak was the man of the match once again and looks set to carry off the Ansett Award as the State League player of the year.

ONLY two weeks ago, Brunswick Juventus was sitting pretty on top of the State League ladder, two points clear of Morwell Falcons and having the advantage of a game in hand.

Its position looked impregnable, but this week, a mere three games later, it has slumped to second behind Falcons after picking up a mere two points and scoring only once in the three outings.

The Black and Whites have indeed become the Blues.

While Juve has been dropping points, Falcons have been making every post a winning post, slamming in seven goals in the same period to go a massive five goals ahead in the comparative goal differences.

Now Juve has to hope that Falcons drop a point, while it wins all its three remaining games, but it has much harder run home than Falcons.

Green Gully travelled to Morwell last Saturday looking likely to pose a threat to Falcons, having scored 18 goals in its previous three games, but Falcons shrugged aside the challenge almost disdainfully and by half-time was coasting three goals in front.

Juventus brought Springvale its biggest crowd of the season, but sent its fans away disappointed after failing to make any impression on a determined 'Vale defence.

MARCONI COUNTS THE COST — See page 14

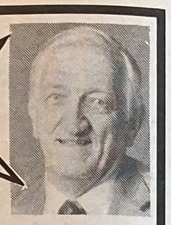
STATE LEAGUE RESULTS AT A GLANCE

- 'GATE 2 BOX HILL 2
- FALCONS 3 GULLY 0
- SAINTS 3 CROYDON 1
- N'COTE 1 C'FIELD 3
- M'BYRNONG 5 PINES 4
- R'WOOD 0 T'TOWN 1
- FAWKNER 2 BULLEEN 0
- S'VALE 0 JUVE 0

THERE'S COACHES AND COACHES

SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK



THREE Victorian clubs last week ended massive media speculation by announcing their coaching appointments for next season.

Sunshine George Cross appointed Ernie Merrick to replace John Gardiner, Heidelberg retained Miron Bleiberg, while South Melbourne replaced Brian Garvey with Ferenc Puskas, an appointment, incidentally, that we foreshadowed in this paper last week.

Merrick, whose last coaching job at Preston ended in acrimony, has a hard act to follow at Chaplin Reserve.

The astute Gardiner has saved the ailing Maltese-backed club from relegation for the last two years and must have seen the writing on the wall when he resigned before leaving for a holiday in the United States.

Somehow George Cross evaded the drop despite having to rely on a midfield most members of which, like Jeff Faulkner and Don McLaren, were prepared to quit the hurly-burly scene of the NSL for the less strenuous State League even before the season began.

The volatile Georgie supporters were demanding fresh players, but were told bluntly that money wasn't available to buy them, and the club would have to rely on producing its own team from the youth ranks.

And George Cross did win the National Youth title, which would seem to augur well for the future were it not for the fact that the youth team contained no less than five players, Sean Keogh, Andrew Marth, John Campelj, Gary Hasler and Chris Taylor from the senior team.

Georgie's problems aren't confined to the playing side, either.

For a start, it doesn't know where it will be playing in the future.

For many years it has fought a running battle with Vic Rail over the future of Chaplin Reserve, a triangular piece of land, bounded on two sides by railway lines and leased by Sunshine Council from the railways.

Nobody, it seems, loves Chaplin Reserve.

Its playing surface is truly deplorable, and after the controversy over Paul Wade last season, the ABC has refused to televise games there.

The club has trouble keeping its fans in order and finished the season under the threat of a good behavior bond after fans tried to demonstrate against NSL chairman Sam Papasavas.

Work has been stopped on the club's new ground in North Sunshine, and the club has asked Sunshine Council to allow it to re-locate at Skinner Reserve, the home of the now defunct Sunshine VFA club.

The lure there is that Skinner Reserve has good club rooms and is licensed, but the bid was strenuously opposed by the VFA club, on the grounds that its U/19 team is still playing and it hopes for a revival and re-admission to the competition next year.

The club's relationship with the Council wasn't improved either when

● *Miron Bleiberg . . . astonished by newspaper report.*

NSL Executive member Tony Kovac got to his feet at the club's presentation night and bagged the council for being laggard over the club's ground problems, after the new mayor had promised to help.

Incidentally, we had a 'phone call from an annoyed Bill Murray who said he was upset at a newspaper report that he had applied for the George Cross job along with Ken Murphy.

"I never applied for the job," says honest Bill, "and I've assured my present club, Altona Gate, that I'm happy where I am."

Bill obviously knows where he is better off.

As for the newspaper report Bill I wouldn't worry too much about it, that reporter's reputation is such that nobody takes him too seriously.

Welcome to the nightmare, Ernie.

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WELCOME BACK, MIRON
The same newspaper upset Miron Bleiberg too.

He was astonished to learn on Friday morning that he had been re-appointed to the Heidelberg job against the wishes of new club president Nick Katsakis.

If the report is true, it would seem to suggest that Bleiberg's occupancy of the job is a somewhat tenuous one, it certainly isn't the best of starts to a new season, to say the least.

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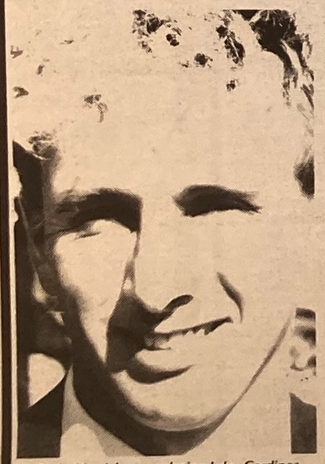

● *Ernie Merrick . . . replacing John Gardiner.*

● *Ferenc Puskas . . . lacks knowledge of the local scene.*

PUSKAS FOR SOUTH . . . UNBELIEVABLE
And then of course, there's the matter of South's new coach.

There is no question about Ferenc Puskas' standing as a player.

He and his marvellous Magyars in their baggy shorts turned the football world upside down in the early Fifties when they went four years and 29 games without defeat, during which run, remember, they thrashed England 6-3 at Wembley and followed it up by winning 7-1 in Budapest seven months later.

After the 1956 uprising, Army Major Puskas wisely chose to stay in Spain where he teamed up so successfully with the great Alfredo di Stefano to make Real Madrid one of the greatest club teams of all time.

Puskas was top goal-scorer in the Spanish championship four times in the '60s and by the time he retired from playing he had established himself as one of the world's all-time greats.

But great players don't necessarily make good coaches and Puskas hasn't exactly set the world on fire in that department.

He flopped in Vancouver during the big soccer boom in North America and then he led Panathinaikos to its 1971 European Cup-final defeat at the hands of Ajax Amsterdam at Wembley, one of the European Cup's less memorable occasions.

After that he dropped into comparative obscurity until he re-appeared here in 1985.

After that nostalgic occasion he was persuaded to return to open a coaching school which was less than a resounding success.

God knows what possessed the new South committee to offer him the job, when the idea was first mooted I thought it must be a joke, but then I was assured that the club was serious.

Quite apart from Puskas' complete ignorance of the Australian soccer scene, his appointment makes you wonder what future there is for our coaching system.

How can young, aspiring coaches be persuaded that they have a future in the game when local NSL clubs keep offering the plum jobs to overseas names with a limited grasp of the English language and no local knowledge to fall back on?

Puskas is said to be fluent in seven languages, but English isn't one of them.

It might help the committee to talk to him in Greek, but it won't be too helpful to the players will it?

Meanwhile, the astute John Gardiner, who is probably Australia's most qualified coach, is looking for a job.

Makes you think, doesn't it?

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MORE FIXTURE HEADACHES
As I write this, the NSL office apparently is on holiday.

When it gets back to work, its first task will be to sort out the fixture list for the new stupid summer season.

Yes, I know the kick-off is a mere eight weeks away, but you know how these things are done here.

However, when NSL manager Peter Russell starts to grapple with the Melbourne fixtures, and particularly Preston's, he's going to acquire a headache pretty quickly.

Both Preston and Juventus have indicated that they want to play at Olympic Park.

The trouble is, Olympic Park has only two vacant Sundays left for summer, and both Preston and Juve want to play on Sundays.

Juventus might partially solve that problem by failing to win promotion, but that would be no help Preston.

That much-maligned Olympic Park pitch is going to be re-layed once again, incidentally.

It will be ripped up immediately after the Dockerty Cup final and laid on a deeper bed of sand to improve its drainage.

The wettest winter for 40-odd years hasn't helped the situation of course, as Olympic Park's neighbour, the MCG would testify.

The sacred MCG turf is to be ripped up too, straight after the aerial ping-pong final and there is a possibility it won't be ready for the First Test against Pakistan (shock, horror!).

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DOES THE STATE LEAGUE NEED A FINALS SERIES?
My Sunday Age colleague, Laurie Schwab wrote this week urging the VSF to consider switching to the NSL's finals system of deciding championships, as against the first-past-the-post method.

He and I have disagreed on this in the past, but I

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HEY BIG PENDER

THEY say that the sign of a good player is that he always seems to have plenty of time on the ball.

If that is the case then Green Gully's Adrian Pender is a very good player.

I've seen him play both in midfield and at sweeper and he was the best player on the park in both these very different positions.

No wonder Tony Vrzina (then coach at Bulleen) was upset about losing him to Gully, at the last minute, earlier this year.

I'll tell you one thing about "Adey" though.

He moves better on the field than on the dance floor.

That's if he ever gets up to dance.

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NAUGHTY "HAROLD"
I was going to take Northcote City's Paul Harris to task this week for ignorantly sailing past me in his new Ford Falcon as I waited to make a turn on the corner of Hobson Street and Malvern Road, South Yarra, last Tuesday.

However, he was sent off on Saturday while playing against his old club Caulfield City.

(Isn't it amazing how many players get their marching orders against their old clubs?).

This will be sufficient to remind him that I have friends in high places.

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I BUMPED into that old warhorse Billy McIntyre at Box Hill a couple of weeks ago (his nephew, Steve McIntyre, plays for the Squibs there) and we enjoyed a couple of drinks and a reminisce or two.

Bill of course, was one of the toughest players, pound-for-pound, ever to play here.

Today's goalkeepers and centre halves would experience a large dose of culture shock if he was still playing.

To Billy, no ball was ever over hit and if the keeper was foolish enough to get in his way he had better have medical cover.

Of course, he was much more than a runner, scoring freely for Croatia and Albion Rovers in his, and their, glory days.

I'll catch up with Billy in the close season as we will both have a run down at Wembley Park, along with a motley array of local identities, on a Thursday evening.

In fact, last year, "Mr Football" himself, Johnny Pryde, paraded his silky skills on a regular basis.

So if you enjoy a good kickabout played at a casual summertime place, we'll see you there.

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"THE DOC"
I was speaking to the chairman of the Metropolitan League, Mr Joe Docherty, on Sunday morning and he gave me enough material to fill this column until the end of the season.

Firstly, he gave me strict instructions that I mention that Danny McCluskey and his wife Marilyn have been blessed with a new baby boy called Michael Francis McCluskey (a good Protestant name that!).

He then went on to stagger me with the news that my old Pines teammate John "Sticks" Cullen, scored the hat-trick of the season v

● *Here's mud in your eye says a determined Paul Cullen.*

NELSON'S COLUMN

● *Mick McGorian scored the winner.*

Essendon Triestina on Saturday.

All three goals were long-range efforts, two with his trusty left foot and one with the foot he tands on.

I'd like to have seen that, John.

Incidentally, big Brian Brown scored the other Sandringham goal.

Joe was also telling me that Carl Gilder starred for Sandy, especially when holding the ball up for the midfielders.

Joe reckons that Carl backs in his own front door at night — what a player he is.

So Sandringham v Essendon seems to have been a good game but "The Doc" says he didn't know if he was at a "Fitba' match" or the Tour de France as he hasn't seen so many pairs of bicycle shorts since this year's race.

So thanks Joe, it's always a pleasure and your parting line of "enjoy it, it's great" was so typical.

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FINALLY it's great to have the Italian

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● *Billy McIntyre in his Croatia days.*

● *TOP: Juve's Steve Glockner is foiled by Kevin Reilly.*

BELOW: Robbie Giandomenico rises above Stan Webster to clear.

Pictures by LES SHORROCK

Springvale City 0 Brunswick Juventus 0

ROSS Reserve hosted its biggest crowd of the season for this clash between teams from the opposite ends of ladder.

Springvale was fighting against relegation, Juventus, knowing full well that Morwell Falcons had beaten Green Gully 3-0 the day before, was only too aware that only a win would keep it on top of the ladder.

Juventus opened brightly enough and Willie Herd soon had the Springvale defence scampering all over the place.

Juve looked polished, Springvale merely workmanlike.

But although the usually rock-steady Dean Bryden was having a nightmare, young Robert Brian wasn't going to follow suit.

He made three brilliant saves in the first half-hour to keep 'Vale in the game, but even he would have been beaten had Sean Lane connected properly with Herd's cunning low-level cross in the 22nd minute.

But unfortunately for the Black and whites, Lane arriving on the scene at a hundred miles an hour took a wild swipe at the ball and almost uprooted the corner-flag.

It seemed only a matter of time before Juve took a commanding grip on the game but somehow, it never came about.

There was a fiery start to the second half when, after a scuffle, Bernie Upjohn gave both Steve Marley of Juve and Mickey Livingstone of 'Vale their marching orders.

It was fairly quiet after that, with Juve weaving patterns and getting nowhere fast and Springvale content to defend.

Then Manfred Schaefer who had surprised by playing Steve Glockner and David Klepac up front brought on Charlie Egan and immediately Juve started looking dangerous again.

Egan himself missed with a flying header the sort of goal that he used to slot away with aplomb and then big Vlatko Belic, with all the time in the world, carefully headed just over the crossbar.

So Juventus dropped a point it will probably rue, whilst as far as Springvale was concerned, it was nearly as good as a win.

— *L.S.*

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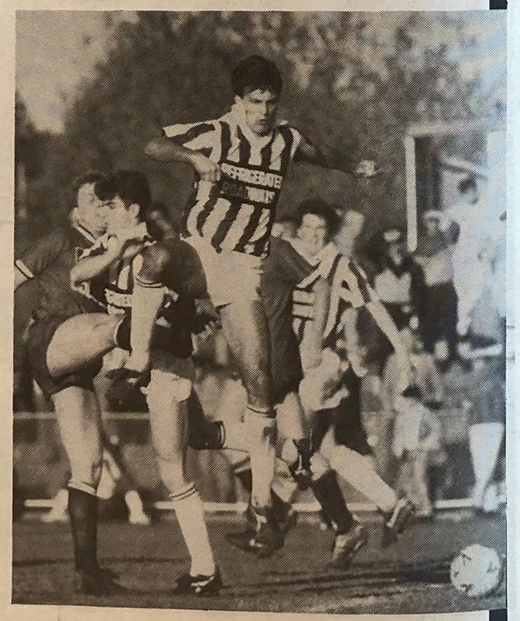
BELOW RIGHT: A determined Juve captain Vlatko Belic throws himself into the fray.



● *TOP LEFT: Springvale's Kevin Reilly keeps his eye on the ball as Sean Lane tries to pass him.*
● *TOP RIGHT: Vlatko Belic gets up well to clear from Hugh Findlay.*
● *BOTTOM LEFT: Croydon City coach Ian Dobson shows his elegant style as he beats Saints' Dennis Morovic.*
● *BOTTOM RIGHT: The Saints' defenders combine to blot out Croydon's Darren Scott.*

Pictures by LES SHORROCK

FRIENDLY CITIES INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

THIS tournament took place in Yokohama, Japan, on August 19, 20 & 21.

Melbourne City Council had received an invitation and asked the Victorian Soccer Federation to be its representative.

The competition was for boys born on or after August 1, 1976.

The Melbourne team was selected from the under-12 years development squad, which is a part of the Victorian Soccer Federation's Talent Identification Scheme.

This would enable the boys to gain international experience, as they joined teams from Constanta (Rumania), Shanghai (China), San Diego (USA), Vancouver (Canada), Bombay (India), Odessa (Russia), and five representative teams from Japan.

This made up a competition of 12 teams for a tournament to be played in temperatures of 30-33C. and very high humidity.

Teams were divided into four groups of three, and the winer from each group played off in a further competition, with the other teams playing off a third.

Unfortunately for Melbourne, this format worked against the team.

It defeated a Japanese team 5-0 and were then asked to play Constanta, the rumanian team, one hour later.

However, it was Constanta's first game.

Melbourne lost 0-3 and eventually had to settle for second in the group.

Constanta, Odessa, Shanghai and one of the Japanese teams contested the first-place competition, with Odessa defeating Constanta on penalties in the final.

Meanwhile, Melbourne defeated San Deigo 2-0 and one of the Japanese teams 6-0 (the Tournament's highest score)which was highlighted by an Andy Vargas hat-trick.

Melbourne's record in the tournament was played 4, won 3. Goals for 13, goals against 3.

The strange format saw Odessa win the competition despite not scoring a goal in either the semi-final or the final.

However, the overriding factor was the great experience gained by players and officials, both on and off the field.

The players were hosted by Japanese families and were a credit to their own families, schools and Victorian soccer, and won praise from all there for their skillful, entertaining soccer and their role as ambassadors for Australia.

George Wallace was the tour leader and he found the time to negotiate with Odessa and

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MELBOURNE U/12 SELECT

- *Back row: NormanWood (manager), Tim White (VSF Director of Coaching), Con Blatsis, Evan Carey, Phillip Stavrakis, Michael Panopoulos, Tom Raykovski, Adravko Atanasovski, Dragi Nastevski, David Craig, Alan Attwood (coach), Mr George Wallace (VSF Executive Director).*
- *Front row: Mark Bacak, Bill Damianos Arthur Tsirtsakis, Anthony Boschini, Andy Vargas, Sasha Markovski, Pat Siclari.*

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DIVISION ONE MORNING

Alt. Ilin. 3 Highp. 2 (1-2)
ANZ Bank 1 Nthc. U 0 (4-0)
Apollo U 1 Foots U 2 (2-4)
Aust. Airl. 0 Fibre U 2 (2-2)
Middle P 2 Montrose 0 (1-1)

HIGHPOINT	16	14	0	2	45	10	28
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	16	11	2	3	42	17	24
ALTONA ILINDEN	15	11	2	2	38	15	24
ANZ BANK	16	8	2	6	21	16	18
FIBREMAKERS UTD	15	6	2	7	26	32	14
AUSTN AIRLINES	16	4	3	9	22	32	11
APOLLO UNITED	14	5	1	8	33	46	11
MONTROSE	14	5	0	9	21	23	10
MIDDLE PARK	15	3	2	10	17	47	8
NORTHCOTE UTD	15	2	0	13	24	51	4

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	16	11	4	1	39	18	26
ANZ BANK	16	10	5	1	41	16	25
HIGHPOINT	15	8	6	1	33	10	22
AUSTN AIRLINES	16	7	6	3	36	24	20
MONTROSE	14	4	5	5	24	20	13
ALTONA ILINDEN	15	4	3	8	31	43	11
NORTHCOTE UTD	15	4	3	8	22	40	11
MIDDLE PARK	14	3	2	9	19	30	8
APOLLO UNITED	14	3	2	9	21	43	8
FIBREMAKERS UTD	15	1	4	10	20	42	6

DIVISION ONE AFTERNOON

Glenroy D/U a4 Flamingo 3 (7-6)
Hampton P/U 7 S'vale E 1 (2-2)
Melb Rum 2 Coomoora S 1 (3-2)
Windsor 1 Thomast U 2 (W-0)

HAMPTON PARK UTD	14	10	2	2	46	23	22
WINDSOR	15	8	2	5	46	35	18
THOMASTOWN UTD	14	7	3	4	35	26	17
MELB RUMANIA	15	6	3	6	42	39	15
COOMOORA SPIDERS	14	6	2	6	34	29	14
FLAMINGO	14	5	4	5	36	36	14
GLENROY DOXA UTD	13	4	4	5	25	34	12
ROWVILLE UNITED	13	3	2	8	24	31	8
S'VALE EAGLES	14	2	2	10	23	58	6

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WINDSOR	15	10	3	2	37	21	23
MELB RUMANIA	15	9	1	5	49	35	19
GLENROY DOXA UTD	12	8	0	4	34	23	16
FLAMINGO	13	5	4	4	36	30	14
ROWVILLE UNITED	13	6	2	5	31	25	14
HAMPTON PARK UTD	14	6	1	7	37	30	13
S'VALE EAGLES	13	4	4	5	27	29	12
COOMOORA SPIDERS	14	3	1	10	28	45	7
THOMASTOWN UTD	11	1	0	10	8	49	2

DIVISION TWO MIXED

Leros U 0 Totten 12 (2-2)
Harambee 0 Cretan A 2 (0-2)
Middle E P Swinb P (3-5)
Nth X/SV/H 2 Oakl C 7 (3-2)
SB Spurs 0 Melb Pumas W (0- W)

CRETAN ATHLETIC	16	13	1	2	61	21	27
TOTTENHAM	14	12	1	1	76	13	25
HARAMBEE	14	10	1	3	59	28	21
MIDDLE EAST	15	9	2	4	42	27	20
OAKLEIGH CITY	15	7	1	7	47	38	15
SWINBURNE	15	7	0	8	31	47	14
MELBOURNE PUMAS	14	2	3	9	20	50	7
NTH X ST.HELENA	15	3	1	11	23	61	7
S.B. SPURS	15	2	2	11	17	45	6
LEROS UNITED	15	3	0	12	25	71	6

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	14	12	2	0	58	8	26
CRETAN ATHLETIC	14	10	1	3	40	15	21
HARAMBEE	14	8	3	3	23	22	19
SWINBURNE	16	9	1	6	38	39	19
OAKLEIGH CITY	15	9	0	6	42	33	18
MIDDLE EAST	16	6	1	9	41	46	13
LEROS UNITED	15	5	3	7	33	38	13
MELBOURNE PUMAS	13	5	1	7	26	24	11
NTH X ST.HELENA	15	3	1	11	16	67	7
S.B. SPURS	16	0	1	15	15	40	1

DIVISION TWO AFTERNOON

Oak City B 5 Dand U 3 (0-W)
Nth Dng Sp 1 KBRO B/Dan 1 (1-5)
Elwood U 1 Fl'ton Fl 2 (0-0)
CSUV W Nth. Timor 0 (W-0)

FL'TON FLORIDIA	15	13	0	2	50	16	26
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	15	11	3	1	64	25	25
NTH DNG SPARROWS	15	10	3	2	41	22	23
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	16	8	3	5	34	26	19
BERWICK UNITED	14	8	1	5	33	20	17
ELWOOD UNITED	16	5	3	8	29	36	13
NTHN TIMORESE	15	6	1	8	38	46	13
DANDENONG UNITED	16	4	1	11	33	57	9
C.S.U.V.	16	3	0	13	17	57	6
OAK. CITY BAYS	16	1	1	14	26	60	3

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELWOOD UNITED	15	14	1	0	142	17	29
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	15	14	1	0	86	16	29
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	15	9	3	3	47	35	21
BERWICK UNITED	15	8	4	3	45	40	20
DANDENONG UNITED	16	6	2	8	27	67	14
NTHN TIMORESE	15	5	2	8	28	53	12
NTH DNG SPARROWS	16	4	2	10	34	59	10
OAK. CITY BAYS	16	2	3	11	35	65	7
C.S.U.V.	16	2	2	12	19	57	6
FL'TON FLORIDIA	15	3	0	12	18	72	6

DIVISION THREE EAST

Bowater 2 Laminex 2
Garden City 6 Ess Tramway 0
Keeley Kings 7 Westall PIPA 2
Kew Deaf 1 Prest. Tramw 1
Taxation Un 2 Dallas Un 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
DALLAS UNITED	16	13	1	2	70	17	27
TAXATION UNITED	16	8	6	2	53	27	22
LAMINEX	16	7	7	2	57	36	21
BOWATER	16	8	3	5	41	28	19
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	16	8	3	5	39	34	19
KEELEY KINGS	16	8	2	6	44	39	18
GARDEN CITY	16	4	5	7	27	36	13
ESSENDON TRAMWAY	15	3	3	9	37	73	9
WESTALL P.I.P.A.	15	2	2	11	27	58	6
KEW DEAF	16	1	2	13	24	71	4

DIVISION THREE WEST

Altona H 6 Sunbury 1
Ardeer 6 Nippondenso 1
K Park Height 3 Keilor OB 3
St Alb Wander 0 Alt. Nth. Tarz 5
St Albans Dyn 7 Whittle 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ALT NTH TARXIEN	16	12	3	1	57	11	27
ARDEER	16	12	3	1	50	18	27
ST ALBANS DYNAMO	15	10	5	0	59	15	25
KEILOR OLD BOYS	15	6	5	4	37	36	17
ST ALB WANDERERS	13	6	1	6	31	22	13
ALTONA HEIGHTS	15	5	3	7	29	34	13
WHITTLESEA	15	5	1	9	31	57	11
K PARK HEIGHTS	16	2	3	11	22	51	7
NIPPONDENSO	16	3	1	12	30	67	7
SUNBURY	15	1	3	11	12	47	5

DIVISION FOUR

Alex the Great 4 Embassy Tax 1
Endeavour Un 3 Dingley Un 0
Epping Thistle 1 Eltham/D. Val 1
Salesian OB 0 Sunshine M'Don W

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	14	10	2	2	54	16	22
SUNSHINE M'DONIA	13	10	0	3	40	14	20
EPPING THISTLE	13	8	3	2	39	19	19
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	15	8	2	5	33	26	18
ALEX THE GREAT	14	8	1	5	30	29	17
SUNSHINE UNITED	14	5	1	8	31	39	11
SALESIAN O.B.	13	3	1	9	19	28	7
EMBASSY TAXIS	13	2	1	10	18	49	5
DINGLEY UNITED	15	2	1	12	21	65	5

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ILINDEN ECSTATIC

ALTONA Ilinden players and supporters celebrated long into the night after gaining just the barest scent of a Division One Morning Championship with a shock 3-2 win over front runners Highpoint.

A wet pitch did nothing to promote good soccer, nor did the close-checking style of the contenders. In a game which was often turbulent, Altona Ilinden just fell in with an 87th minute goal by its one "foreigner", Englishman Chris Gregory.

Ilinden was first away when Drago Dragojevic netted at the 7th minute. Highpoint equalised through Tade Kurbasa at the 13th minute, and went ahead when Dusan Lesnik swooped on to a loose ball at the 22nd minute. Ilinden was back on level terms 10 minutes later when Dragojevic knocked in his second.

Ilinden's equaliser ushered in a long period of negative play, with Highpoint seemingly content to sit on the draw, thus taking away the one point which would make it impossible for Ilinde to catch up. With three minutes to go, Gregory swooped on a through ball and, before the Highpoint defenders knew what was happening, Ilinden had hit the lead.

In the remaining three minutes plus a bit of injury time, Highpoint launched a sustained and desperate attack on the Ilinden goal. It was all to no avail.

If it wins its game in hand against Apollo United (which seems a certainty), Ilinden would now trail Highpoint by only two points plus a goal difference.

It will now be looking to ANZ Bank or Australian Airlines, or the two between them, to steal at least two points from Highpoint. But Ilinden itself will have to win its remaining games, and win them by gigantic margins.

Still in Division 1M, Footscray United held on to second, even if temporarily, with a fighting 2-1 win away even a rejuvenated Apollo United.

Fibremakers also won away from home in downing Australian Airlines 2-0, while ANZ Bank made surprisingly hard work of downing lowly Northcote United 1-0 at home. The born-again footballers of Middle Park continued to confound the experts by downing Montrose 2-0 at home.

A fascinating close battle is developing in Division 1M Reserves. Footscray United heads the table, a point clear of ANZ Bank, with Highpoint a further three points back, but Highpoint will gain the points from its game in hand, and is probably favoured to down ANZ Bank Reserves in next week's encounter.

The pressure now is on Footscray United to keep winning, which may be difficult as, over the next two weekends, it faces clashes with Altona Ilinden (currently in 6th spot) and its immediate challengers, ANZ Bank. Footscray cannot afford any slip-ups at this stage, or the championship which has been in its grasp for several weeks may be snatched away at the last minute. Certainly Highpoint has the incentive to aim for the double and, on paper at least, has a much easier run home than Footscray United.

Nothing very much happened in Division One Afternoon. Hampton Park United reinforced its claim to the championship with a solid 7-1 home win over Springvale Eagles.

Windsor remains in second, despite going down 2-1 to Thomastown United. The long trip to Caulfield did nothing to deter the Pug brothers, Tony and Eyup.

Tony scored at the 9th minute and Eyup at the 85th. In between, Jim Owens notched a 68th minute penalty awarded when a rampy Ioannidis burst into the penalty area and was rather crudely brought down.

Windsor will be regretting the two opportunities it missed in the

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Details Twenty-Seven Details

ALTONA GATE 2 (Todorovski 35th, McMullen 60th) BOX HILL 2 (McArthur 15th, o.g. 85th).
At Paisley Reserve, Saturday. Referee S. Zoumas, Cautions Cooper, Davidson, Dimitrelos, McPhee (BH).
ALTONA GATE: Dragan - Micevski, Markovski, Byrne, Momirovski - Aslimovski, Kebakovski, Nicovski, Ilioski - McMullen, Todorovski (Tortevski 82nd). Coach Bill Murray.
BOX HILL: McKinlay - Davies, Cooper, Davidson, Dimitrelis - Hanley, Thomas, McArthur, McPhee - McGeachey, McAleer. Coach John Brown.
Ansett best player award: McMullen (A) 3, McArthur (BH) 2, Thomas (BH) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Wright 22nd, 44th, Doyle, pen. 9th) GREEN GULLY 0
At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee D. Voutsinas.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - Bingham, Bruns, Walsh, Doyle - O'Donnell, Byrne, Nelson, Cassar - Manley, Wright. Coach Bob McLachlan.
GREEN GULLY: Sant - Hogben, McLelland, McMillan, Grimaud - Wilson, Farquharson (Elsey 59th), Pender - Daley, Harrison, Metaxas (Smart 59th). Coach Willie Vassallo.
Ansett best player award: Wright (MF) 3, Byrne (MF) 2, Bruns (MF) 1.

ST ALBANS 3 (Bozic 42nd, Morovic 47th, Eres 79th) CROYDON CITY 1 (Scott 33rd)
At Churchill Reserve, Saturday. Referee R. Simonis.
ST ALBANS: Vunderl - Babic, Bozic, Colina Dragovic - Dezic, Kupresak, Gagula - Eres, Morovic, Pondeljak (Kuzman 78th). Coach Branko Culina.
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje - Langsbury, Dobson (Brack 80th), McIntosh, Roodhouse - Brimmer, Brown, van Egmond (Field 80th), G. Runje - Scott, Humble. Coach Ian Dobson.
Ansett best player award: Kupresak (St.A) 3, Bozic (St.A) 2, G. Runje (C) 1.

NORTHCOTY CITY 1 (Woodall 60th) CAULFIELD CITY 3 (Deligiannis 25th, 85th, Fattore 62nd)
At John Cain Reserve, Saturday. Referee Z. Mnich. Sent off Harris (N).
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia - Bekiaris (Tsangas 75th), Harris, Palmaricciotti, N. Constantinou - Woodall, Ramos, Gymnopolous (Burlak 80th), Patiniotis - Cocker, J. Constantinou. Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
CAULFIELD CITY: Koroneos - Bitsonis, Fattore, Theoharous, Kontouris - Zolotarev, Greenwood, Aretis, Filipou - Pappas, Deligiannis. Coach Condilis.
Ansett best player award: Fattore (C) 3, Deligiannis (C) 2, Greenwood (C) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 5 (Nelson 3rd, Baran 8th, Innes 55th, Czapnik 75th, Bonk pen. 89th. FRANKSTON PINES 4 (Dick 10th, Stirton 13th, Ross 21st, Watson, pen. 80th)
At Raleigh Reserve, Sunday. Referee N.Zachariades.
MARIBYRNONG: Kostrazewa - Farrugia, Innes, Fleming, Blicharz - Stefanovic (Kotzagiannidis 75th), Nelson, Czapnik, Temos - Baran, Bonk. Coach Leszik Djielkowski.
FRANKSTON PINES: Davies - McDonagh, Ferris, Gavilan, Weir - Ross (Buchanan 80th), Watson, Miller - Keenan, Dick, Stirton. Coach Joe Sweeney.
Ansett best player award: Baran (M) 3, Innes (M) 2, Dick (F) 1.

RINGWOOD CITY 0 THOMASTOWN 1 (Griffin 51st)
At Jubilee Park, Sunday. Referee C. Bambridge. Cautions Walker (R), Cristaldo (T).
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley - May, Cumming, Nolan, Verniers - Walker, Muir, Maguire, Prinsen (Whalley 70th) - Wall, Kennedy. Coach Hans Petersen.
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski - De Propertis, Hennessy, Athersych, Mihos - Ragusa, Di Martino, Cristaldo, Sinclair - Carfora (Kapolitsas 70th), Griffin. Coach Roberto Vieri.
Ansett best player award: Hennessy (T) 3, May (R) 2, Griffin (T) 1.

FAWKNER 2 (Raynes, pen. 20th, 76th) BULLEEN 0
At Smith Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn.
FAWKNER: Terzini - Cosentino, Patricca, Ferla, Marchett - Sabatino, O'Dell, Raynes, Campbell - Hanna, Emmanuelle (Schipano 67th). Coach Roberto Vieri.
BULLEEN: Roccioletti - Marsan, Krajacic, Curulli, Dal Ben — Livingstone (Angele 73rd), Ruccia, Avian - O'Keefe, Incantalupo, Lujic (Sella 73rd). Coach Alan Gentry.
Ansett best player award: Raynes (F) 3, Cosentino (F) 2, Ruccia (B) 1.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

MORWELL F	27	16	8	3	54	22	40
JUVENTUS	27	16	8	3	45	18	40
CROYDON C	27	16	5	6	44	15	37
ST ALBANS	27	14	8	5	37	21	36
Green Gully	27	13	4	10	49	30	30
Altona Gate	27	10	9	8	39	31	29
Northcote C	26	13	5	8	34	27	29
Caulfield C	27	11	6	10	42	40	28
Bulleen	27	9	7	11	21	27	25
Thomastown	27	8	9	10	27	36	25
Fawkner	27	8	6	13	26	39	22
Frankston P	27	7	8	12	35	51	22
Ringwood C	27	6	8	13	20	41	20
Springvale C	27	5	8	14	18	28	18
Box Hill	26	3	11	12	21	36	17
Maribyrnong	27	3	4	20	17	67	10

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES LADDER

Juventus	25	16	8	1	67	24	40
Green Gully	26	15	7	4	69	31	36
Altona Gate	27	14	5	8	54	47	33
Caulfield C	25	13	5	7	47	37	31
St Albans	27	12	6	9	47	32	30
Morwell F	26	12	4	10	44	39	28
Bulleen	24	9	7	8	29	31	25
Ringwood C	25	7	11	7	38	42	25
Thomastown	24	10	5	9	31	37	25
Springv C	25	7	7	11	24	38	21
Box Hill	25	7	6	12	34	52	20
Croydon C	25	6	7	12	36	46	19
Fawkner	25	7	4	15	31	40	18
Northcote C	21	7	4	10	37	51	18
Frankston P	25	6	2	15	36	54	18
Maribyrnong	26	3	8	15	30	53	14

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES RESULTS

SPRINGVALE CITY 2 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2
RINGWOOD CITY 2 THOMASTOWN 2
FAWKNER 0 BULLEEN 1
MARIBYRNONG 3 FRANKSTON PINES 1
MORWELL FALCONS 1 GREEN GULLY 1
ALTONA GATE 2 BOX HILL 1
ST ALBANS 0 CROYDON CITY 1

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Leading goalscorers

17. Pappas (Caul)
14. Humble (Croy), McMullen (Alt)
12. Daley (GG), Egan (Juve), Morovic (St.A)
11. Basara (MF), Harrison (GG), Wright (MF)
9. Carfora (Thom), Cocker (North), Metaxas (GG), Scott (Croy), Woodall (North)
8. Deligiannis (Caul)
Dick (FP), Hanna (Fawk), Stirton (FP), Watson (FP)
7. Bonk (Mar), Eres (St.A), Manley (MF), Raynes (Fawk)
6. Gagula (St.A), Incantalupo (Bull), Tortevski (Alt)
5. Georgevski (Alt), Glockner (Juve), Herd (Juve), Kupresak (St.A), Lane (Juve), McBride (MF), McIntosh (Croy), Webster (S'vale)
4. Athersych (Thom), Byrne (MF), Cristaldo (Thom), Dobson (Croy), Doyle (MF), Emmanuelle (Fawk), Kennedy (BH), McLelland (GG), Nelson (Mar), Pender (GG), Ross (FP), Todorovski (Altt), van Egmond (Croy)
3. Armstrong (S'vale), Bozikas (Bull), Brimmer (Croy), Campbell (Fawk), Corvan (Ring), Davie (Ring), De Amicis (Juve), Doyle (MF), Drakeford (Caul), Harris (North), Keenan (S'vale), Klepac (Juve), McAleer (BH), McArthur (BH), Maguire (Ring)

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0
At Ross Reserve, Sunday. Referee B. Upjohn. Sent off livingstone (S), Marley (J).
SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian - Kral, Bryden, Bissinger, Reilly - Findlay, Fourna, Livingston, Webster - Tuffield (Rolleman HT), Armstrong (Mitsou 88th). Coach Gus Macleod.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama - Marley, Coady, Della Rocca, Giandomenico - Belic, Herd, Lane, De Amicis - Glockner (Giaccherini 85th), Klepac (Egan 75th). Coach Manfred Schaefer.
Ansett best player award: Brian (S) 3, Herd (J) 2, Fourna (S) 1.

Postponed Games

CROYDON CITY 1 (Scott 18th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0
At Croydon Park, Wednesday. (Postponed from June 18). Referee C. Bambridge.
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje Langsbury, Dobson, McIntosh, Roodhouse - Van Egmond (Brack 80th), Brown, Brimmer (Field 75th), G. Runje - Scott, Humble. Coach Ian Dobson.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama - Marley, Coady, Belic, Della Rocca - Lane Herd, Patterson (Giandomenico 75th), De Amicis - Egan, McGrellis (Klepac 78th). Coach Manfred Schaefer.
Ansett best player award: Scott (C) 3, Marrama (J) 2, M. Runje (C)

FAWKNER 1 (O'Dell 75th) GREEN GULLY 3 (Harrison 46th, 60th, Daley 90th)
At Fawkner, Wednesday. (Postponed from June 10) Referee D. Rees.
FAWKNER: Terzini - Schipano, Cosentino, Patricca, Ferla - Marchett, Sabatino, O'Dell, Raynes - Emmanuelle, (Campbell 60th), Hanna. Coach Cedo Cirkovic.
GREEN GULLY: Sant - Hogben, McMillan, McLelland, Chetcuti - Wilson, Farquharson, Pender - Daley, Harrison, Metaxas. Coach Willie Vassallo.
Ansett best player award: McLelland (GG) 3, Wilson (GG) 2, Daley (GG) 1.

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Leading Votes

The best player in the Victorian State League will win a trip for two to the Gold Coast, flying Ansett, of course. When next you fly, choose Ansett and join all the other good sports who also prefer to fly Ansett.

VELIMIR Kupresak slightly increased his lead in the Ansett best player award, polling three votes to Sean Lane's two.

The only other player in the leading group to gain maximum points was Gary McMullen.

However, with only nine points available from the last three rounds, only Sean Lane or Sean Byrne can catch the St Albans utility man.

34. Kupresak (St.A)
30. Lane (Juve)
28. Pender (GG)
26. Byrne (MF)
23. Corvan (Ring), Harris (North), McMullen (Alt), van Egmond (Croy)
20. Bozic (St.A), Dick (FP), Drakeford (Caul)
19. Cooper (BH), Herd (J), Webster (S'vale)
18. Krajacic (Bull)
17. Brian (S'vale)
16. McIntosh (Croy), Maguire (Ring)
15. Fattore (Caul), Lujic (Bull), Minichiello (Juve), Woodall (North)
14. McLelland (GG), Watson (FP)
13. Athersych (Thom), Brown (Croy), Humble (Croy), Manley (MF)
12. Byrne (Alt)
11. Blackley (Ring), Constantinou.J (North), McArthur (BH), Marsan (Bull), Raynes (Fawk), Terzini (Fawk)
10. Bonk (Mar), Haupt (Ring), McKinlay (BH), Scott (Croy)
9. Bryden (S'vale), Culina (St.A), Czapnik (Mar), Daley (GG), May (Ring), Nelson (Mar), O'Dell (Fawk), O'Donnell (MF), Runje.G (Croy)
8. Bitsonis (Caul), Gagula (St.A), Ilioski (Alt), Morovic (St.A), Nelson (MF), Sant (GG), Sokoluk (Caul), Theoharous (Caul), Tortevski (Alt)
7. Basara (MF), Belic (Juve), Carfora (Thom), Davies (FP), Dobson (Croy), Gymnopoulos (North), Harrison (GG), Kebakovski (Alt), Kouremenos (North), McBride (MF), Miller (FP), Pappas (Caul), Ristovski (Alt), Roodhouse (Croy)
6. Babic (St.A), Cassar (MF), Cocker (North), Cosentino (Fawk), Dougherty (Thom), Greenwood (Caul), Hennessy (Thom), Patiniotis (North), Simovic (St.A), Trogrlic (Bull), Wall (Ring), Wilson (GG), Wright (MF)

HAS JUVE BLOWN IT?

Falcons in box seat

State League Preview by Brian James

THERE'S an old and oft-used cliche that a week is a long time in politics.

Substitute the word soccer for politics and that saying just about sums up the remarkable turn-around in the State League title race.

As our last issue went to press, Brunswick Juventus, sitting on top of the ladder was preparing to play its postponed game against Croydon City.

It was a point clear of nearest rival Morwell Falcons and four points clear of Croydon and all it needed to do, it seemed, was to grab a point at Croydon and then sail quietly along to the championship.

It all seemed so cut and dried, but apparently Croydon hadn't read the script, because it beat Juve, and suddenly for Falcons there was light at the end of the tunnel.

Juventus had proved another old adage, the one about points on the board being better than games in hand, and Falcons were back in the race with a vengeance.

Worse was to come for Juventus fans; as the Saturday scores came through, they learnt with horror that Falcons had thrashed Green Gully 3-0 in the Valley and then they turned up at droves at Ross Reserve providing Springvale with its biggest gate of the season, only to find the 'Vale in an ungenerous mood.

And juve's draw with Springvale wasn't the only form upset of the weekend, either, just ask Croydon.

St Albans snuffed out any lingering title hopes Croydon might have had with a decisive 3-1 win.

So at the end of a remarkable week we find Morwell Falcons sitting comfortably at the head of affairs and Juventus no doubt wondering where it all went wrong.

The League ladder's most significant statistic is the goal difference one. Somehow Juve has to earn a point more than Falcons in the next three rounds, because Falcons are now five goals clear, and give every indication of adding to their massive tally.

And before we leave the story of an extraordinary week, how about the remarkable form reversal Maribyrne pulled off?

If you remember, Green Gully's redoubtable goal-scoring trio of Kevin Harrison, Tommy Daley and John Metaxas had made merry at Maribyrnong's expense as they ran up the season's highest tally, winning 9-0.

On Sunday, Maribyrnong was again in the thick of a nine-goal picnic, only this time it ran out a 5-4 winner of an extraordinary contest against Frankston Pines.

My colleague Rab Nelson who wanted to make sure I knew he had headed the first goal rang straight after the game to tell me that Maribyrnong's first substitute was the scoreboard attendant.

He got tired, says Nelson, climbing up and down the ladder carrying the big metal numbers as the two teams piled on five goals in the first 21 minutes!

I'm now thinking about launching the Brian James motivational video after my success with Maribyrnong.

The secret of my success is simple, take a team that has just lost 9-0, ask if the club has any future and you can guarantee it will come out and win 5-4 the following week just to make a liar of you!

I've just invented another saying . . . football's a funny game.

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WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD

Thomastown's narrow win at Ringwood opened up a margin of three points between the top ten and the bottom six which now probably won't be bridged.

And that brings up the point, what is going to happen to the bottom six . . . or to all the State League clubs for that matter?

And presuming the answer is yes . . . which clubs will comprise it, and who is going to choose them?

Board members when questionare are loath to answer, probably because they don't know the answers themselves, yet here we are a mere three weeks before the end of the season and still in the dark.

Since the VSF constitution ensures that two up and two down promotion and relegation must take place, the five clubs above doomed Maribyrnong can only fight on desperately hoping to avoid the second bottom spot.

At the moment it would seem to be a three-way fight between Ringwood City, Springvale City and Box Hill and Box Hill's postponed game with Northcote City could prove a vital factor.

Springvale showed tremendous commitment last week against Juventus and the beaming faces in the dressing room afterwards showed how much they valued the hard-won point.

"It was just like a win" was coach Gus Macleod's comment.

Springvale travels to bulleen this week and could come away with another point.

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Springvale travels to Bulleen this week and could come away with another point.

Box Hill too showed a ton of spirit at Altona Gate and could manage a result against another fellow-struggler Fawkner at Wembley Park.

But Ringwood faces the toughest task of the three, travelling to Green Gully.

The mean green machine which had been rampaging along to the tune of 18 goals in three gamews ground to a juddering halt at Morwell where the game was virtually over at half-time, with Falcons leading 3-0.

But that was last week and that was Morwell, and it's hard to see Ringwood causing the Gully too much trouble.

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IS IT WORTH THE EFFORT?

You probably noticed that Albion won the big promotion battle at Mooroolbark, with Mick McGorian scoring the vital, only goal.

I went to congratulate coach Ian Wallace on opening up what could be a title winning break of three points over Mooroolbark, but whilst he was very pleased, he wasn't getting carried away.

"I'm sure we will get promotion," he said, "but to what?"

"We don't know what is going to happen next year and as far as we can see, we could finish up playing against five of the teams we've been playing all season.

"Now you ask yourself, why did we make the effort, we might just as well have finished sixth if the top six are going to be promoted.

"We were aiming for the State League . . . the real State League, not one made up of the discards."

He has a point, hasn't he . . . why bother?

This weekend's games, with probable winners in capitals.

SATURDAY: **BULLEEN** v Springvale City at Veneto Club.

SUNDAY: Thomastown v Altona Gate (draw) at Partridge Reserve, **CROYDON CITY** v Northcote City at Croydon Park, **JUVENTUS** v St Albans at Olympic Park, Box Hill v **FAWKNER** at Wembley Park, **GREEN GULLY** v Ringwood City at North Crinigan Reserve, Maribyrnong v **MORWELL FALCONS** at Raleigh Reserve, Frankston Pines v **CAULFIELD CITY** at Monterey Reserve.

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TEAM OF THE WEEK

BRIAN (S'vale)
BYRNE (MF) HENNESSY (Thom)
FATTORE (Caul) McLELLAND (GG)
KUPRESAK (St A) BARAN (Mar)
RAYNES (Fawk)
WRIGHT (MF) McMULLEN (Alt)
SCOTT (Croy)
Subs: Bozic (St A) Herd (Juve) Lane (Juve)

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FIRSTS

S'ban	4	V	E'don 2
B'mand	1	V	W'gte 0
Oak'h	1	V	D'nong 0
M.Dubs	3	V	Knox 2
Dove'n	1	V	M'mad 1
M'bark	0	V	Albion 1
M'bus	1	V	Mord 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Albion	22	12	8	2	27	11	32
M'bark	21	12	5	4	34	15	29
S'ban	23	10	6	7	40	29	26
Knox	21	11	3	7	35	29	25
Oak'h	20	8	8	4	26	17	24
M.Dubs	22	8	7	7	23	24	23
Mord	21	6	9	6	26	28	21
B'mand	23	7	7	9	23	26	21
W'gte	20	8	4	8	25	19	20
M'bus	22	7	6	9	21	29	20
E'don	23	7	6	10	22	31	20
Dove'n	23	8	4	11	27	40	20
M'mad	19	6	5	8	28	27	17
D'nong	22	1	2	19	17	49	4

RESERVES

S'ban	4	V	E'don 2
B'mand	3	V	W'gte 1
Oak'h	5	V	D'nong 2
M.Dubs	2	V	Knox 2
Dove'n	3	V	M'mad 2
M'bark	4	V	Albion 2
M'bus	3	V	Mord 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
M'bark	22	13	4	5	47	26	30
Albion	21	14	2	5	43	28	30
Dove'n	21	11	7	3	36	23	29
M'mad	21	12	3	6	51	28	27
Knox	18	9	6	3	32	20	24
B'mand	20	9	5	6	36	29	23
M.Dubs	21	9	2	10	23	42	20
Oak'h	20	5	9	6	36	29	19
S'ban	20	6	5	9	44	42	17
E'don	21	7	2	12	28	36	16
M.Gambi	21	12	2	7	59	40	26
Pt Mel	20	11	1	8	44	29	23
Geel	19	10	2	7	47	33	22
Mon.C	19	10	0	9	47	29	20
B'mand	21	8	3	10	42	52	19
Dan Rv	19	8	1	10	43	36	17
W'mand	20	8	0	12	45	62	16
S'burg	23	5	3	15	34	49	13
M'berg	21	4	4	13	30	47	12
V'ville	19	5	0	14	26	85	10
Coburg	16	2	2	12	15	49	6

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LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Elt/D.V	4	V	Holl Pk 0
M'thorn	0	V	B'vale 5
M'ton	0	V	C'mns 2
Altona	2	V	Ball Pk 0
B'ford	2	V	M'bin 1
C/Geml	3	V	V'ourn 1
Lalor	2	V	C'inda 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ball Pk	23	16	2	5	35	19	34
C'mns	23	13	6	4	42	24	32
B'ford	23	12	4	7	47	24	28
C/geml	23	11	6	6	35	24	28
C'inda	23	10	7	6	38	33	27
Elt/d.V	23	10	6	7	34	30	26
M'ton	23	9	6	8	25	26	24
M'bin	23	8	6	9	32	35	22
Holl Pk	23	10	1	12	37	42	21
Lalor	22	8	4	10	28	43	20
B'vale	22	4	8	10	26	36	16
Altona	23	5	4	14	32	54	14
M'thorn	21	4	5	12	25	37	13
V'ourn	23	4	5	14	19	48	13

RESERVES

Elt/D.V		V	Holl Pk
M'thorn		0	V B'vale 5
M'ton		3	V C'mns 2
Altona		1	V Ball Pk 1
B'ford		1	V M'bin 0
C/Geml		4	V V'ourn 4
Lalor		2	V C'inda 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Elt/d.V	18	16	0	2	55	19	32
M'bin	21	13	4	4	62	22	30
B'ford	23	13	3	7	54	27	29
Ball Pk	22	11	5	6	39	31	27
C'inda	22	13	1	8	55	48	27
B'vale	21	10	3	8	48	41	23
Altona	23	8	6	9	39	40	22
C'mns	21	10	1	10	43	42	21
Lalor	22	7	7	8	36	40	21
M'ton	23	7	3	13	28	45	17
Holl Pk	19	6	4	9	32	46	16
M'thorn	21	5	5	11	26	46	15
C/geml	20	5	2	13	35	45	12
V'ourn	22	1	4	17	19	79	6

LEAGUE 4

FIRSTS

M'ton	4	V	Keysbro 1
R'anna	0	V	Regent 1
K'ingal	1	V	Boronia 2
Mora.Pk	2	V	Bent 2
FTGully	0	V	L'sarr 4
Cl'ton	1	V	Brun/Iv 2
Hamlyn		V	P'vale

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cl'ton	23	15	5	3	64	29	35
Bent	23	13	9	1	54	24	35
Brun/Iv	23	14	6	3	38	15	34
Hamlyn	21	11	4	6	45	28	26
L'sarr	22	10	6	6	36	24	26
K'ingal	23	10	4	9	35	26	24
Regent	23	10	4	9	28	24	24
P'vale	22	7	6	9	21	31	20
Mora.Pk	22	7	5	10	32	42	19
Boronia	20	5	5	10	19	37	15
R'anna	21	5	5	11	24	45	15
FTgully	23	5	5	13	22	44	15
M'ton	23	3	7	13	28	52	13
Keysbro	23	3	5	15	20	45	11

RESERVES

M'ton	2	V	Keysbro 3
R'anna	3	V	Regent 3
K'ingal	4	V	Boronia 0
Mora.Pk	2	V	Bent 3
FTGully		V	L'sarr
Cl'ton		V	Brun/Iv
Hamlyn		V	P'vale

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cl'ton	21	14	3	4	33	21	31
Brun/iv	22	12	6	4	49	24	30
L'sarr	21	11	7	3	44	23	29
K'ingal	21	10	4	7	43	25	24
Bent	22	9	6	7	49	42	24
FTgully	21	9	3	9	35	34	21
Mora.Pk	20	7	6	7	32	30	20
Regent	21	6	8	7	36	37	20
Keysbro	23	8	4	11	35	47	20
R'anna	21	6	5	10	32	45	17
Hamlyn	19	7	1	11	31	32	15
M'ton	23	6	3	14	31	35	15
Boronia	18	5	3	10	19	32	13
P'vale	19	6	1	12	22	44	13

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

B'wick	1	V	M.Bun 0
Malton	1	V	E Geel 2
W Vale	1	V	Malvern 3
Mav'ly	0	V	B'vale 2
Prahran	3	V	W Head 1
Berwick		V	Oak.Bub
Mosnf'	2	V	B Yarra 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
B'vale	22	17	4	1	50	19	38
Prahran	23	12	7	4	54	38	31
Berwick	21	12	2	7	48	33	26
Oak.Bub	20	11	4	5	40	30	26
Mosnf'	23	10	5	8	37	33	25
M.Bun	21	10	4	7	48	31	24
W Vale	22	8	7	7	30	26	23
W Head	21	10	2	9	37	33	22
Malvern	21	9	4	8	36	38	22
Malton	23	5	7	11	33	44	17
B'wick	21	5	6	10	27	41	16
E Geel	21	6	3	12	29	49	15
Mav'ly	22	4	3	15	24	48	11
B Yarra	23	2	4	17	20	50	8

RESERVES

B'wick	1	V	M.Bun 3
Malton	3	V	E Geel 0
W Vale	0	V	Malvern 1
Mav'ly	1	V	B'vale 4
Prahran	3	V	W Head 3
Berwick		V	Oak.Bub
Mosnf'	3	V	B Yarra 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Prahran	23	16	4	3	63	23	36
M.Bun	20	12	3	5	47	25	27
Malvern	20	12	3	5	48	36	27
B'vale	19	11	4	4	46	24	26
W Head	18	10	4	4	40	43	24
Malton	23	8	5	10	32	30	21
W Vale	20	7	5	8	26	24	19
B Yarra	22	6	6	10	49	46	18
Mosnf'	21	5	8	8	43	46	18
B'wick	19	5	6	8	28	37	16
Berwick	20	4	8	8	28	39	16
Mav'ly	21	6	2	13	27	56	14
Oak.Bub	19	4	5	10	22	38	13
E Geel	21	3	5	13	33	55	11

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Br'tons	4	V	Glenroy 0
Ascot	0	V	F.Hill 0
Port Un	1	V	Cranb'n 2
S B'vale	1	V	Monash 0
F'kston	0	V	Altona Eas 2
Uni Melb	2	V	S Dandy 4
Lalor	3	V	Ball't 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
F.Hill	23	13	8	2	55	24	34
S B'val	23	14	6	3	52	21	34
Altona	23	15	4	4	45	27	34
Cranb'n	23	13	6	4	44	24	32
S Dandy	22	14	3	5	54	33	31
Br'tons	22	10	7	5	41	28	27
Ascot	22	9	7	6	36	25	25
Uni Mel	23	6	7	10	28	36	19
Ball't	23	6	4	13	29	48	16
Lalor	22	3	9	10	27	39	15
Port Un	23	5	5	13	29	54	15
Glenroy	23	5	4	14	29	55	14
F'kston	23	2	8	13	18	40	12
Monash	23	3	4	16	14	47	10

RESERVES

Br'tons	2	V	Glenroy 3
Ascot	4	V	F.Hill 0
Port Un	1	V	Cranb'n 0
S B'vale	0	V	Monash 3
F'kston	1	V	Altona Eas 3
Uni Melb	7	V	S Dandy 1
Lalor	2	V	Ball't 3
Uni Mel	23	16	4	3	63	24	36
Ascot	22	14	3	5	62	27	31
Altona	22	11	8	3	42	27	30
F.Hill	22	10	5	7	53	37	25
Ball't	23	10	5	8	38	25	25
S Dandy	21	9	5	7	41	41	23
F'kston	23	10	3	10	38	45	23
Glenroy	22	9	4	9	48	50	22
Cranb'n	23	6	9	8	32	38	21
Lalor	21	6	7	8	44	43	19
S B'val	22	5	5	12	24	41	15
Monash	23	4	6	13	24	47	14
Br'tons	22	6	2	14	29	56	14
Port Un	19	3	4	12	26	63	10

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Lyndale	4	V	Carrum 0
Brandon	0	V	R'dale 0
Altona	0	V	Ringe'd 1
Fitzroy		V	Monbulk
Mitchan		V	Mod.Pk.
M'tirna	1	V	Kew 2
Nth Clayto	0	V	Bataan 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Lyndale	22	14	5	3	55	24	33
Fitzroy	22	13	6	3	39	23	32
Kew	23	12	8	3	36	23	32
Brandon	22	13	5	4	41	22	31
Ringe'd	22	7	9	6	32	30	23
M'tirna	23	7	8	8	45	33	22
Mod.Pk.	19	8	5	6	29	26	21
Altona	22	6	8	8	19	24	20
Monbulk	21	6	7	8	31	21	19
Mitchan	21	8	3	10	37	45	19
Bataan	20	3	9	8	30	34	15
Carrum	21	3	9	9	23	34	15
R'dale	21	3	6	12	27	58	12
Nth Cla	23	2	4	17	20	67	8

RESERVES

Lyndale	7	V	Carrum 1
Brandon	1	V	R'dale 0
Altona	1	V	Ringe'd 1
Fitzroy	4	V	Monbulk 4
Mitchan		V	Mod.Pk.
M'tirna	1	V	Kew 1
N.Clayton	1	V	Bataan 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Monbulk	22	13	6	3	58	31	32
Lyndale	22	15	1	6	76	39	31
Kew	23	12	6	5	52	32	30
Bataan	20	13	2	5	60	39	28
R'dale	22	12	3	7	50	36	27
M'tirna	20	11	4	5	49	34	26
Brandon	22	10	5	7	47	29	25
Altona	22	9	3	10	44	49	21
Mod.Pk.	16	7	1	8	42	40	15
Mitchan	19	5	3	11	30	42	13
Carrum	21	5	3	13	47	78	13
Ringe'd	20	5	2	13	24	46	12
Fitzroy	20	4	3	13	35	68	11
N.Clayt	19	2	0	17	18	69	4

UNDER 11

CENTRAL

BYE		V	MORDI
E,RICH	3	V	MEL CTY 1
E,BENT	1	V	CLAYTON 5
C,FIELD	3	V	ELWOOD 0
MORDI B	0	V	B,MARIB 10
CONDORS	0	V	D,LEIGH BU 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
B,maris	17	15	0	2	114	19	30
Clayton	17	12	3	2	91	22	27
Mordi	16	12	2	2	78	13	26
E,rich	16	9	4	3	55	12	22
C,field	16	9	3	4	34	20	21
Mel Cty	17	7	2	8	72	39	16
Condors	16	6	3	7	44	35	15
Elwood	17	4	2	11	46	77	10
D,leigh	16	3	1	12	11	95	7
E,bent	16	3	0	13	20	83	6
Mordi B	16	0	0	16	1	151	0

EASTERN A

Cla'nda	0	V	S'vale'A 14
Donc.R	1	V	Cr'don.C 5
M'ley.Cty	0	V	Mitchan 1
F. HILL	0	V	Knox.A 2
B.Hill		V	Bulleen
Numa.C	2	V	M'ley.U 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
S'vale'a	18	17	0	1	159	11	34
Cr'don.	17	13	2	2	93	18	28
Knox.A	17	13	1	3	104	13	27
M'ley.U	18	13	1	4	82	23	27
F. Hill	17	8	2	7	44	28	18
Donc.R	18	8	2	8	46	67	18
Bulleen	17	8	1	8	52	33	17
Mitchan	16	7	2	7	44	37	16
M'ley.C	18	4	1	13	20	104	9
Cla'nda	18	3	1	14	11	114	7
Numa.C	17	2	1	14	25	111	5
B.Hill	17	1	0	16	8	129	2

EASTERN B

ELTHAM	0	V	B,BROOK 0
M,BARK	6	V	B,DON PK 0
OAKLEIGH	3	V	KNOX CTY C 2
BRI,TON	0	V	KNOX CTY B 3
B,VALE CTY	2	V	BORONIA 1
G/W.LEY	3	V	H,TON PK 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
G/w.Ley	18	16	0	2	79	11	32
M,bark	17	15	1	1	87	5	31
Knox Ct	17	10	3	4	47	15	23
H,ton P	16	11	0	5	54	22	22
Oakleig	17	8	4	5	42	26	20
Eltham	17	8	2	7	32	28	18
B,vale	17	8	2	7	45	45	18
B,don P	16	3	4	9	18	31	10
Boronia	17	3	4	10	14	58	10
B,brook	17	3	2	12	15	60	8
Knox Ct	17	2	2	13	19	70	6
Bri,ton	18	3	0	15	9	90	6

NORTHERN

PRESTON A		V	H,BERG UTD
BYE		V	MEL,CROATI
MALVERN	7	V	M,COTE CTY 0
FAWKNER	5	V	LALOR 0
LALOR UTD	1	V	T,TOWN 0
M,COLL UTD		V	B.U.JUVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Fawkner	15	13	2	0	65	3	28
B.U.Juv	15	11	4	0	46	7	26
T,town	16	11	3	2	48	12	25
Lalor U	14	8	5	1	34	13	21
Malvern	15	6	2	7	31	32	14
Mel,cro	15	5	3	7	41	37	13
M,coll	13	4	2	7	18	27	10
M,cote	17	4	0	13	24	56	8
Lalor	16	2	4	10	7	56	8
Preston	11	2	2	7	12	22	6
H,berg	15	1	1	13	8	69	3

NTH/WEST A

ESS,DON	5	V	MED,PARK 0
REGENT		V	WEB,GAFE
WEST SUBS	21	V	H,BERG B 0
SUNBURY	1	V	E/DUNS/IHO 1
SYD,PARK		V	BYE
NTH,REB	6	V	PRESTON 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
West Su	16	13	2	1	109	10	28
Nth,res	15	13	1	1	113	6	27
Ess,don	14	11	0	3	79	15	22
Syd,par	14	6	3	5	50	24	15
Regent	13	6	2	5	28	33	14
Med,par	13	5	2	6	18	29	12
Sunbury	15	4	1	10	22	44	9
Wes,gat	12	3	1	8	17	39	7
E/bum/	15	1	1	13	9	112	3
H,berg	13	1	1	11	1	129	3
Preston	2	1	0	1	3	6	2

NTH/WEST B

WESTVALE	3	V	SUN,PARK 0
ALTONA EAS	0	V	WEBB-PARK 5
M,WEBB	4	V	M,COTE CTY 0
G,GULLY	1	V	R,ANNA 2
LALOR UTD	8	V	Y,VILLE B 0
MACCABI	0	V	PRESTON B 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Westval	18	14	3	1	101	6	31
Keon Pa	17	15	1	1	57	5	31
Sun,par	17	14	1	2	81	9	29
M,weds	18	12	3	3	46	17	27
Maccabi	18	8	3	7	59	40	19
R,anna	17	7	2	8	45	35	16
Preston	17	6	1	10	28	54	13
Lalor U	17	5	2	10	28	48	12
M,cote	16	5	2	9	22	58	12
G,gully	18	4	1	13	23	63	9
Y,ville	18	2	3	13	12	72	7
G,gully	18	4	1	13	23	63	9
Y,ville	18	2	3	13	12	72	7
Altona	17	0	2	15	3	98	2

PENINSULA

SB,VALE B	0	V	LYNDALE 6
S,DANDY	4	V	DOVETON 1
DINGLEY	1	V	F,PINES 3
SB,VALE A	0	V	F,STON UTD 4
L,WARN		V	P,GULA
B,VALE UTD	2	V	C,BOURNE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
C,bourn	18	15	2	1	58	13	32
F,pines	17	15	1	1	88	15	31
F,ston	17	13	0	4	53	20	26
S,dandy	18	9	4	5	38	24	22
B,vale	18	9	1	8	35	33	19
P,mala	16	8	2	6	27	43	18
Doveton	18	9	0	9	36	61	18
Dingley	18	6	2	10	26	31	14
Lyndale	17	5	0	12	25	38	10
Sa,vale	18	4	0	14	19	55	8
L,warn	17	3	1	13	9	59	7
Sa,vale	18	1	3	14	6	88	5

WESTERN A

N,GEEL	2	V	GEORGE K 0
E,GEEL	0	V	MELTON 0
BYE		V	BYE
A,GATE	0	V	ST,ALBANS 4
SUN NTH	1	V	Y,VILLE 2
BYE		V	KEILOR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
St,alba	13	11	2	0	57	9	24
N,geel	13	9	0	4	45	21	18
Sun Nth	14	8	2	4	38	19	18
Y,ville	13	7	3	3	22	9	17
A,gate	13	6	3	4	22	17	15
Keilor	13	5	2	6	24	38	12
E,geel	13	3	5	5	9	27	11
Melton	14	1	3	10	12	45	5
George	14	0	0	14	2	46	0

UNDER 12

CEN/PEN A

B,MARIB	4	V	D,MONG 0
E,RICH	0	V	NUNA CTY 2
BAXTER	1	V	CLAYTON 1
C,FIELD	10	V	GLEN WAVER 0
L,WARN		V	P,ULA
BRIGHTON	0	V	E,BENT 3
C,field	18	16	1	1	97	14	33
P,ula	16	15	0	1	81	6	30
Clayton	18	12	1	5	50	28	25
B,maris	18	9	1	8	52	34	19
Nuna Ct	15	9	1	5	32	29	19
L,warn	17	5	7	5	23	17	17
E,bent	18	7	2	9	35	61	16
Brighto	18	6	3	9	24	38	15
E,rich	18	4	6	8	17	32	14
Baxter	17	2	4	11	11	51	8
D,nong	18	2	3	13	16	67	7
Glen Wa	17	1	3	13	14	75	5

CEN/PEN B

B,GREENB	1	V	SEAFORD B 1
M,TON		V	CHELSEA
KARINGAL		V	BB,VALE
CONDORS	1	V	ELWOOD 4
SAN,HAM	0	V	MITCHAM B 6
BERWICK B	2	V	C,BOURNE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Elwood	18	16	0	2	116	9	32
C,bourn	17	14	1	2	43	12	29
Condors	17	12	2	3	66	20	26
Mitchan	17	11	2	4	58	18	24
Seaford	18	10	3	5	51	34	23
B,green	18	7	7	4	25	16	21
Se,vale	15	5	2	8	28	28	12
Berwick	18	3	4	11	17	62	10
Chelsea	17	3	3	11	24	50	9
San,han	17	2	5	10	14	64	9
Karinga	17	3	2	12	9	68	8
M,ton	17	1	1	15	7	77	3

EASTERN A

CLARINDA	1	V	B,VALE CTY 2
D,ROVERS	0	V	DOVETON 2
MONBULK		V	MITCHAM A
F,HILL		V	F,STON UTD
SEAFORD A	10	V	M,BARK 0
BERWICK A	3	V	MAV,UTD 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Seaford	17	14	2	1	63	14	30
B,vale	18	13	1	4	41	14	27
Mitchan	15	11	3	1	60	5	25
F,hill	15	10	3	2	42	12	23
Berwick	18	9	4	5	38	16	22
F,ston	16	8	5	3	29	10	21
Doveton	18	7	5	6	29	24	19
Clarind	18	7	2	9	26	34	16
Mav,utd	17	4	3	10	21	36	11
D,rover	17	2	2	13	13	51	6
Monbulk	15	0	0	15	8	79	0
M,bark	16	0	0	16	5	80	0

NORTHERN A

B.U.JUVE	0	V	H,BERG UTD 2
REGENT		V	PRESTON
MALVERN		V	BYE
M,RED	0	V	BULLEEN 1
FAWKNER	0	V	T,TOWN 1
N,REB	1	V	LALOR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Lalor	15	12	2	1	32	8	26
M,res	16	10	5	1	36	17	25
Bulleen	16	8	5	3	22	11	21
H,berg	17	8	4	5	18	15	20

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STATE LEAGUE

MORWELL FALCONS 3 — GREEN GULLY 0

GREEN Gully's recent goal spree, 18 in three matches, was brought to a resounding halt by championship contender Morwell.

Falcons notched up three goals in the first half of the game at Crinigan Road, then defended strongly in the second half to deny the visitors a change on the scoreboard.

From the kick off it was evident that the Gully defenders had been given instructions to mark Falcons' striker Ron Manley very closely to prevent a repeat of the hat trick Manley had inflicted on Thomastown the previous week.

However, New Zealander Billy Wright was left alone and was responsible for the deluge of attacks on the Gully goal.

Only nine minutes into the game Wright had the ball on his own and was through the backline heading for goal when Stephen McLelland had three attempts to take the ball but only succeeded in taking the legs from under the lanky striker and find referee Dennis Voutsinas pointing to the penalty spot.

Jeff Doyle took the spot kick and his confidence was rewarded as 'keeper Charlie Sant was unable to hold it and the Latrobe Valley Club hit the front.

Twelve minutes later, Wright was again on the attack when an airborne duel between Emil Bruns and Kevin Harrison saw the ball headed forward for Wright to pounce on and take through the centre and unleash a powerfull drive from 15 metres to find the roof of the net.

With only a minute of the first half to play, Manley got free from his opponents and was able to cleverly flick the ball into the path of Wright who took it on his own and was confronted with Sant coming well out of his goal. Wright chipped the ball perfectly over the head of the advancing keeper to settle into the net, bringing up Morwells third goal.

The second half was a different affair and Green Gully came out full of fire and made sure they got to the ball first. Falcons appeared to relax just that little bit and allowed Gully to penetrate into the scoring area time and time again.

Very solid defensive work from Harry Bingham, Roy Walsh and Emil Bruns paid dividends but despite that, Green Gully almost scored after only 10 minutes in the half when Thomas Daley chipped the ball forward for Mark Wilson to try but the ball went inches over the crossbar.

Ex-Falcons player Andy McMillan several times brought Wright to the turf in late tackles eventually earning a caution.

Midway through the half, Gully tried to change the pattern of the game and made two substitutions, bringing on Ken Smart and Kevin Elsey to replace Stephen Farquarson and John Metaxas, but the changes only confused things for quite some time. With 10 minutes to go Gully seemed to get things all together but it was too late. Tries from Harrison, Daly and Adrian Pender were all swept away by the last lines of defence.

The surprise scoreless draw between Brunswick Juventus and Springvale City see's Morwell Falcons gracing top spot on the ladder ahead of Juventus on goal difference.

— E.H.

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ST ALBANS 3 CROYDON 1

WITHOUT detracting from St Alban's win, Croydon's playes were feeling the effects of playing three hard games in a week and had a lot of in a week and had lost a deal of sharpness by the second half of the match at Churchill Reserve.

Croydon got the lead early with a headed goal from Darren Scott, who brushed aside challenges from two St Albans' defenders to nod the ball over the goalkeeper.

But St Albans hit back with an unstoppable shot by Bozic, who made a fine run from the centre line.

Croydon's cause was not helped by yellow cards shown to Dave McIntosh, Ian Dobson and Paul Langsbury, who began to be a little tentative in defending.

This contributed to both St Albans' second-half goals when Eres challenged for the ball on the break which ran loose to Morovic, who volleyed past Croydon's keeper Mirko Runje.

Morovic reciprocated for Eres to score in an almost identical situation immediately afterwards.

To its credit, Croydon rallied but found it difficult to break the rock-solid St Albans' defense and, in the end, went down to its biggest defeat of the season.

There is a disturbing feature creeping into some games which should immediately be stamped out, and that is the throwing of smoke bombs and flares onto the field of play.

Three such objects were thrown onto the playing area which had to be kicked away by Croydon's keeper.

These items are extremely dangerous and flares, in particular, can cause shocking injuries. So let's stamp it out before it becomes the norm.

— J.H.

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MARIBYRNONG 5 FRANKSTON PINES 4

IN what should have been a foregone conclusion Pines found themselves two goals down after only 10 minutes.

It looked like Polonia was the team fighting to gain promotion and the players showed they had the endeavor to want the ball.

Pines finally broke through with a goal from Ally Dick.

Pines started to attack and equalised through Ian Stirton. The tempo started to increase with both defences being put under pressure. Maribyrnong finally wilted, allowing Ross to score giving Pines a half-timelead.

After the break Polonia again kept the pressure on Frankston and from a long shot outside the 18 yard box, Davies was again beaten to equalise the score at 3-3.

This seemed to again spur Frankston.

Pines were finally rewarded with a penalty which was converted by Watson. It appeared then that Pines had accepted the points and tried to play possession soccer. This proved to be their downfall as Polonia's attacks finally proved fruitful. An attack down the right wing saw the ball crossed the box to the head of a Polonia forward who powered the ball into the top corner of the Pines' net.

As if this wasn't enough, Polonia egged on by Rob Nelson, in midfield, again pushed forward to gain a penalty for the second time.

It was converted with ease to give Polonia a well-deserved 5-4 win and headaches for the Pines' management.

Reserves result: Maribyrnong Polonia 3 Pines 1.

— D.J.

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RINGWOOD CITY 0 THOMASTOWN 1

RINGWOOD City's complete inability to score goals is costing them very dearly.

Ringwood had many chances to take the lead in the first half, and later to equalise but none of the players have any idea how to score goals.

The standard was mediocre. Neither side played well and although Ringwood had most of the play, it did not impress very much.

Ringwood had an opportunity to open the score in the 15th minute when the Thomastown goalie lost the ball. Two Ringwood players missed completely and, in the end, Jamie Prinsen, with only the goalie to beat, blasted the ball high over the crossbar.

After 50 minutes Declan Kennedy received a fine pass from Prinsen but failed miserably.

One minute later Ringwood let Phil Griffin free on the right wing and his shot baffled Colin Blackley, finding the inside post for Thomastown to take the lead.

Whatever Ringwood tried after this was to no avail with Dean Hennessy the stumbling block in the Thomastown defence and the forwards still missing the simplest of chances.

All counter-attacks by Thomastown were foiled by the Ringwood off-side trap. This loss brings Ringwood very close to the bottom of the table!

— H.L.

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CROYDON 1 JUVENTUS 0

REFEREE Chris Bambridge's decision to allow this crucial game to proceed, in spite of the ground conditions, was fully vindicated when both teams put on a sparkling performance in front of a very large crowd last Wednesday night.

It seemed as though everybody connected with the game on the local scene, attended the match and the floodlights enhanced the atmosphere.

Juventus kicked off, and for a time looked like rolling all over Croydon, and a tremendous shot from Willie Herd almost took the crossbar from the supports.

There is no doubt as to Juventus's running ability, and the effervescent Charlie Egan seemed to be everywhere.

Gradually Croydon regained composure and Goran Runje, who was playing a deep midfield game, surprised with his tackling and clearing runs. It was from one of these Dave McIntosh was able to lob the ball to Darren Scott, who sidestepped his opponent and aimed hard and true, just inside the post.

The Croydon forwards, playing their best game this season, could consider themselves unfortunate not to have added to the scoreline, but that final touch just eluded the foot or head.

The second half saw the reverse happen. Juventus poured on the pressure and substituted midfielder for Klepac and Palleschi.

Croydon's defenders were outstanding, like the forwards in the first half, and showed why the team has only conceded 12 goals this season.

Greg Brack and Spencer Field came on for Nick van Egmond and Steve Brimmer, both of whom were feeling the effects of the heavy going, and these first players enabled Croydon to threaten the Juventus goal again and Andy Humble came close after breaking through the centre. The final score of 1-0 to Croydon was just about right for the day (or should that be night).

But the real winner

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soccer — the game was a display of skill and endeavour by two good teams, with a great crowd, including unbelievably, a full bus load from Morwell followed by a cavalcade of cars down the Princess Highway.

Don't believe the reports about the lighting. There were no complaints from the players or spectators.

Probably goalkeepers are the most disadvantaged under light, but Mirko Runje, the Croydon keeper, summed it up when he said "I put up my hands and there it was."

— J.H.

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Victorian League

GEELONG

NORTH Geelong took a big step closer to the Victorian League Division Two championship with a 2-0 victory over Port Melbourne at Elcho Park.

North had more of the play with control in midfield but North's first goal came with only 10 minutes to play when Colin Cooper ran through to score, then defender Gary Cutler scored a blinder from a free kick. This made victory certain and it was Cutler's first goal since joining the club. Danny Ward, Ivan Smoljko and young David Cervinski were in top form for North.

Geelong continued its pursuit of the leaders with a 3-1 win at Yarraville. Sean Howe pulled off a series of good saves to ensure Geelong kept in the game, and the goals came from Darren Tuck, Liam McCloskey and Kenny Prior.

Tuck got the first from short range after Donny Smyth headed on a corner kick. David Krasic set up McCloskey for the second as he nipped in ahead of the keeper. Tuck's free kick rebounded from defence and Kenny Prior fired it home.

In Division Three, Bell Park came unstuck against altona City, giving away two goals and being unable to reply. Only two minutes had gone when Altona City broke on the right and Gary Walker hared off his line into no man's land.

When the cross came over, Chris Rhodes chested it down, but Altona's John Little had read the situation and took the ball off the defender's toes for an easy goal. Danny Ortiz received a stud in the knee in blocking a shot and Park had to regroup. It did so quite effectively but Tommy Cumming and Mark Linney had no luck near goal.

Gary Walker pulled off a brilliant diving save to deny John Little's swinging free kick, but when Andy Thompson fired in a cross-shot the keeper seemed to lose it in the sun and pushed the ball into his own net.

park fought back and Ross Hay's free kick was headed back to David Mills who drove it into the corner of the net, only for Tommy Cumming to be given off-side.

Hay and Greg Czapnik then combined to set up Cumming but the final shot went over the top, while at the other end, John Little's cunning lob came back off the cross bar. Mark Linney did a great deal of hard running and came closest to scoring with a header which found keeper, Roy Hunter, perfectly positioned.

Corio-Geelong United kept in the hunt for promotion with an effective 3-1 demolition of Yallourn at Hume Reserve. Paul den Ouden volleyed home a loose ball after 40 minutes. Peter Smith set up paul den Ouden for the second goal after the break and den Ouden turned provider for Rod van der Chys, who held off a defender to make it three. Yallourn kept trying and Raji Umitt got a consolation goal.

Hamlyn Rangers' match against Pascoe Vale was postponed.

In the Provisional Leagues East Geelong eased its relegation worries with a 2-1 away win at Melton. Tony Bozinovski and Done Laovski were on target.

Brintons defeated Glenroy 4-0. Ian Henderson gave Paul Mills the perfect set up for a powerful drive for the first, and David Brough's diving header made it two. Neil Gardiner fired in a left-foot shot and the fourth was a rare, headed goal by Tony Reed.

— Roy Hay

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Division Three

ELTHAM DIAMOND VALLEY 4 (Hodgson 12 m, 19m, 35m) HOLLAND PARK 0 (Jankulovski 48m)

VALLEY showed no signs of a hangover from its humiliation of the previous week when it recorded a comfortable win over Holland Park on Saturday.

Micky Hodgson scored a hat-trick before the 35 minute mark and, unfortunately, had to leave the field after a heavy knock.

Valley attacked from the first whistle and were a goal up in 12 minutes when Peter Cirka put through a long ball and Hodgson won the challenge with keeper to shot from close range.

Valley was well on top and gave Marshall and his co-defenders a torrid time.

Peter Cirka was in fine form and distributed the ball intelligently, the midfield was full of running and with Milenkovic and Jankulovski providing the skill and Tucker the craft good support was always there for the forwards.

Jankulovski set up Hodgson's second goalin the 19th minute with a cross from the right which bounced awkardly for Marshall and Hodgson was in like a flash to net from 6 metres.

Holland Park came back and had a couple of chances to score but the shots were not well directed and Valley held its advantage.

Milenkovic crossed a beautiful ball to Hodgson who headed home under pressure, took a heavy knock and left the field.

Jankulovski made it four three minutes into the second half with a superb shot from 25m. The visitors weren't done with, however, and Hamilton, who looked extremely confident all day, had to pull off a couple of good saves to keep his goal intact.

Although Valley continued to play well they failed to increse their tally and when the final wtle 4 goal lead.

— G.W.K.

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Provisional League

DIVISON TWO UNIV.OF MELBOURNE 2 (Cullum 77 m, Guthrie 85 min.) SOUTH DANDENONG 4 (Yildirim 16m, Sepetci 29m, S. Elmazovski 67 & 69 min).

WITH injuries and sickness rife in the South Dandenong ranks the side was compelled to include several players well below par.

It is to their credit that they amassed a commanding lead, only conceeding two goals late in the game.

On the heavy ground, exchanges were fairly even in the early stages. Memishi had to cover ground quickly to kick clear when Cullum threatened. An Austen long shot was steered over the bar by Memishi.

For Dandenong, both Yildirim and Sepetci came close but the sticky conditions cancelled out some fine ball play. South's first goal, after 16 minutes play, was set up by Gonullu and Yildirim slid the ball past Morgan in orthodox fashion.

It was Gonullu again that did the hard work, giving Sepetci no trouble in tapping home his side's second goal on the half-hour mark.

A firm header from Symmons caused havoc in the South area before being cleared. At the other end Sepetci and Memedovski had shots blocked and Morgan saved an angled shot from Sam Elmazovski.

The visitors were well on top and fully deserved their 2-0 lead at half time.

The University had the South goal under pressure for a while and a fine shot from Gill was turned by Memishi for a corner.

South again took command and Morgan did well to save twice from Yildirim and Sam Elmazovski. It was all South as Elmazovski struck twice in as many minutes — the first an untidy goal from a packed goalmouth but the second the culmination of smart man-to-man attack.

The visitors looked good value for their 4-0 lead but never-give-up University still left its mark when Cullum slotted home from a Gill left cross after 77 minutes and Guthrie took advantage of a tired defence to score a fine angled shot from the right five minutes from full time.

— A.J. Hitchman

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State League

FAWKNER 2 BULLEEN 0

AFTER a dull and uninspiring match Fawkner managed to gain the two available points.

The spectators had very little to cheer about as far as standard of soccer goes, and only occasionally were they treated to what could possibly pass as "entertainment".

Under a lovely spring sunshine the two Italian teams seemed keen at first to play attacking and spirited soccer, but somehow only managed to leave people disappointed, especially in the case of the Bulleen's fans.

The home team fielded a side made stronger in midfield by reducing its defense to effectively three men and pushing an extra player to roam behind the four midfielders.

Once again Circovic proved what a thoughtful and well prepared coach he is, as the match was won in the centre while the home defense seldom missed the extra man.

Ferla and O'Keefe in the middle provided an enjoyable duel with the young Fawkner defender coming out on the top, while Incantalupo was the only Bulleen player to cause any worries to the home team.

At the other end Raynes again proved his worth not only by scoring two goals but for the manner in which he constantly created dangerous situations in his opponent's area.

A special mention must go to Ruccia, Sabatino and O'Dell, who were the only midfielders to have any influence on the game, covering much ground and supporting other teammates.

The first half started with both defenses clearly on top of their opponents. It was only at the 20th that we witnessed the first action worthy of its name, Sabatino was blatantly felled in the Bulleen penalty area and Raynes converted the resulting kick from the spot.

The only other events of any note were two shots by Incantalupo well saved by Terzini and two sharp headers by Emmanuelle which just missed their target.

The second 45 minutes continued in the same vein as the first.

It's at the 30th that the spectators finally witnessed some action, when after Riccioletti saved a fierce shot by Hanna he initiated a counter-attack by finding Incantalupo with an accurate kick out, but the resulting hit whistled by the far post.

One minute later Campbell won the ball in midfield and passed for O'Dell who 'sensed' and found Raynes on the left the Fawkner striker let go one of his favorites left foot blasts and the home team found itself two goals up.

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last three minutes of the game when first Ioannidis and then Owens were clear in the penalty area, but each blasted his shot over the bar.

With its win, Thomastown reinforces its third placing, and is now only a point behind Windsor with a game in hand.

In Round 12, Coomoora Spiders was cock-a-hoop after a sound win over Hampton Park, and was sitting in third with a better than outside chance of overhauling the leaders.

But, in the last three rounds, it has had a demoralising run of losses against teams below it on the ladder. In this round, it was Melbourne Rumania's turn to rub salt into the wound by downing the Spiders 2-1.

Glenroy Doxa United emerged shaken but triumphant from two titanic struggles with Flamingo. Its first team had an exciting 4-3 win, but its Reserves had to struggle even longer before sneaking in 7-6.

In Division One Afternoon reserves competition, Windsor seems to have the championship sewn up.

It is four points clear of Melbourne Rumania, which cannot bridge the gap with its one remaining match.

The only danger to Windsor is the fact that Glenroy Doxa has three games in hand, and could go to 24 points against Windsor's current 23. As one can never tell what sort of winning margins Doxa is likely to chalk up, Windsor cannot really afford to drop even one point in its remaining match away to Coomoora Spiders Reserves.

The odds are though, that Doxa will not gain the full complement of points in its four remaining games, so logically Windsor appears safe and sound.

Division Two Mixed matches virtually ended any need for Tottenham to worry, as its nearest logical rival, Harambee, went down 2-1 at home to Cretan Athletic. The only thing going for Harambee is that it has two matches on the trot against Tottenham, and if it wins both, a most unlikely scenario, it could be responsible for tipping the Totties into third spot.

Cretan Athletic currently heads the table on 27 points, two ahead of Tottenham; but as Tottenham has two games in hand on the Cretans, the latter's advantage is more illusory than real. The most likely outcome is that the current top four teams will be the top four at the end, but the order in which they finish is anyone's guess.

There is no such doubt in the reserves competition, where Tottenham is five points clear of its nearest rivals, Cretan Athletic. The four remaining rounds will not be enough to allow the Athletics to catch up.

Division Two Afternoon continues to be a neck-and-neck struggle between Flemington Floridia and Bayside ATA and, in the reserves, between Elwood United and Keysborough Blue Danube.

North Dandenong Sparrows, which might have given the Firsts championship a shake, virtually dropped out of the race when it was held to a 1-1 draw by Keysborough Blue Danube.

With three rounds to go, Flemington Floridia leads Bayside ATA by a point with the Sparrows two points further back. We still believe the championship will be decided when Flemington Floridia hosts the Baysiders in Round 18.

A point to the Floridians would be enough to put the championship out of reach, so, as has been the case for some weeks now, Bayside needs a win. North Dandenong Sparrows, meanwhile can finish with a maximum of 29 points, which would seem to be the worst that Bayside could achieve.

But the Baysiders have such a tremendous advantage in goal difference that they would need to slip very badly against either Elwood United or Berwick United not to take out at least the Runners-up Pennant. On the other hand, the worst result we can se for Floridia is 30 points, and this would guarantee it at least second place.

In the reserves, Elwood United and Keysborough Blue Danube are locked on 29 points. In their three remaining rounds, they have to play one another twice.

Faced with a mountainous goal difference built up by th eElwoodians, the Rivermen would have to take at least three points from those two encounters to be champions.

Although Dallas United was held to a surprise 2-2 draw, by Taxation United, the Texans can't be caught. Taxation should finish second, but Laminex cannot be discounted. End of story in Three East.

We don't even want to talk about Three West. It is too nerve-wracking. All we will say is that after Ardeer has pounded Altona North Tarxien in Round 17, and pulverised St Albans Dynamo in Round 18, the issue will finally be settled. (Well, that should guarantee at least four abusive 'phone calls and 17 death threats!)

On Sunday we had the pleasure of watching the top-of-the-table Division Four clash between Epping Thistle and Eltham & Diamond Valley. Very little was setled, as Epping Thistle, which needed both points, managed only one. To prove that Division Four is not just kick and chase (or not all the time, anyway), this match produced a lot of excellent football and, given the Anglo-Scots background of the two teams, a host of bone-crunching tackles.

Despite the fact that the Valleymen always gave the impression of being faster and stronger, it was surprising how much of the front-running was actually done by the Thistles. The Valley had the better defence and an edge in midfield, but these advantages were offset by the forward skills of the Thistle's Frankie McGleave and Man of the Match Mark Southern.

Eltham and Diamond Valley took a 1-0 lead into the half-time break by courtesy of an excellent opportunist goal by Howard Smith five minutes before the break. It took Epping Thistle only five minutes of the second half to equalise when Frankie McGleave ran on to a loose ball and hammered it home.

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WORLD NEWS

Brawl a blow to underdogs

LONDON: A mass brawl between leader West Ham and struggling Hull City ruined the English Second Division's big day on Saturday.

With the First Division program cancelled because of England's World Cup game in Sweden this week, the chance was there for the lesser lights to show what they could do.

But the 86th-minute scuffle at Hull, which involved more than a dozen players and resulted in West Ham striker David Kelly and Hull midfield player Steve Doyle being sent off, grabbed headlines.

The game began well enough for West Ham, with Kelly setting up Mark Ward after five minutes, but Hull hit back to equalise through Peter Swan midway through the second half.

Aldridge wants to stay

LONDON: Liverpool striker John Aldridge, 30, who is the subject of a million-pound offer by Spanish side Real Sociedad, wants to stay at Anfield.

"Next to my family it (the club) is my life and has been for years," said the Republic of Ireland international.

But Aldridge, kept out of the team by Welsh international Ian Rush this season, accepts that he is probably on his way out.

England under-21 winger Franz Carr looks set to move from Nottingham Forest, too, with Forest manager Brian Clough having given Coventry permission to speak to him.

Forest is reported to be lining up Australian striker Eddie Krncevic, now with French club Mulhouse, as a replacement for Carr.

Four Scotland players out

GLASGOW: Scotland's World Cup squad was severely weakened on Saturday when four players, including leading striker Maurice Johnston, were ruled out of Wednesday's European Group Five qualifying tie with Yugoslavia in Zagreb.

Johnston, scorer of six goals in five qualifying ties, withdrew with a groin injury, midfielder Ian Ferguson with a virus, goalkeeper Bryan Gunn with a back injury and central defender David McPherson with a leg injury.

Poland mourns star's death

WARSAW: Poland is mourning one of its greatest soccer heroes, Kazimierz Deyna, who was killed on Saturday in a car crash in the United States.

The main television news read a biography of Deyna's career, calling him one of the best Polish players of all time.

Deyna, 41, played 102 times for Poland as a skilful attacking midfield player and captained the side which finished third in the World Cup in 1974.

His car collided with a parked truck on a highway north of San Diego, California, the official news agency PAP said.

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Constanta about the possibility of them visiting Melbourne for a similar tournament during Moomba week in 1990.

Norm Wood was a very hard working and efficient team manager, with the coaching duties falling to me (Tim White) and Alan Alexander.

It was a wonderful team effort with captain Anthony Boschini an outstanding leader.

Dragi Nastevski showed maturity beyond his years and little Michael Panopoulos delighted the crowds with his skill in midfield.

Victoria in recent years has produced quality strikers such as Paul Trimboli, Warren Spink, John Markovski, etc., and if I am any judge, Andy Vargas will continue this tradition as he has good skills, a knack for scoring goals and an excellent personality.

There are too many other lads to mention, but the future looks very bright and Victoria's ability to produce good players, as has been shown in recent years, will continue.

Tim White, Victorian State Director of Coaching.

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MARCONI COUNTS THE COST

MARCONI, the NSL's most successful club since the demise of Sydney City has lost almost half a million dollars in winning successive championships, the club's annual report revealed this week.

The club finished $270,000 in the red after winning the 1988 title and by the end of June this year, seven weeks before the end of the season, it had already lost $244,000.

The single biggest item in the balance sheet was a staggering $450,000 in salary payments to players and officials and administration costs connected with the playing staff.

However, club president Mr Tony Labbozzetta remains unperturbed at the figures, saying only that the soccer team was a definite money-spinning asset to the social club, in attracting patrons before and after the game.

The licensed social club reported a very healthy profit of $1.2 million for the 1989 financial year.

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have to concede that he might have a point.

Schwab argues that the recent finals attracted a total of 54,892, an average of 9148 a game, with the 23,378 grand final attendance a new NSL record.

And he goes on to say that what persuaded the NSL to introduce the finals system was APIA Leichhardt's runaway championship win of 1987.

APIA had established such a lead by the half way mark that year that it killed off interest in the championship.

That's all very true, although it is also equally true that if there had been a finals series in 1987, comprising the top five place-getter, it is doubtful if any attendance records would have been set, given that APIA and St George were two of the finalists.

As we have pointed out before, what made this year's finals such a big success was the fact that well-supported clubs like Marconi, Sydney Olympic, Preston and Melbourne Croatia all took part.

But there's another fly in the ointment too, as another Sunday Age columnist, Michael Sheehan points out.

Sheehan, until recently the VFL's media man, says that the VFL is now questionning the wisdom of the present finals system.

He says that some influential people feel the double chance gives the top three clubs an unfair advantage and in the never-ending search for an extra dollar they would like to see the Grand Final decided on a best-of-three-games basis, more like American baseball's World Series.

Last-year's one-sided grand final between Hawthorn and Melbourne, which was virtually over by half-time, is one reason why the VFL is having a re-think.

We could also yet see a final series between six clubs instead of five in the basketball fashion.

But to come back to local soccer.

It's true, as Schwab says, that the State League top four has become so uminportant that the VSF can't get it out of the way quickly enough, but given the shilly-shallying over the grandiloquently named Super League can you imagine the confusion if Soccer House tried to organise a final series for every one of its 11 leagues?

The mind truly boggles.

I'm with him 100 per cent on another suggestion though, three points for a win.

Ever since the '81-'82 season when the Football League introduced three points for a win, attendances in England have been on the increase, such was the shot in the arm it gave the game there.

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HOW YOUR TEAM FARED Contd. from p.13

The match now became even less interesting with Bulleen realising that the points were beyond its grasp.

A long distance try by Ruccia at the 40th finally signalled the end of proceedings.

— A. Polita

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS, WEE MAN

There are no prizes for guessing who the happiest coach in the country was was at the weekend . . . Bobby McLachlan, of course.

After a sequence of dream results over the previous 10 days his team stands poised to win the State League and a crack at promotion to the NSL.

On Sunday night, after Springvale City had frustrated all Juventus' best efforts to score and in so doing probably condemned the Black and Whites to another season in the State League, the canny wee Scot struggled hard to hide his elation, saying with a broad grin, "Och, it's no' over yet, there's still another three games to go", even while he was beaming broadly at all and sundry.

The results weren't the only reason for his elation either.

His family threw him a belated surprise 50th birthday party on Saturday night (belated because he was overseas when the actual birth-date came round).

And it's some measure of his popularity and standing that three of Falcons' committee, president Don di Fabrizio, Eric Hutton and Charlie Zammit and their wives took the trouble to come all the way from Morwell to attend the party.

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Bingham (MF)
Bothwell (FP)
Bozic (St.A)
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De Ridder (Ring)
Dimovski (Caul)
Dragovic (St.A)
Elsey (GG)
Ferla (Fawk)
Fourna (S'vale)
Greenwood (Caul)
Grimaud (FP)
Ham (BH)
Hanley (BH)
Hennessey (Thom)
Innes (Mar)
Kebakovski (Alt)
Keenan (FP)
Kontouris (Caul)
Lipiarski (Mar)
Livingstone (Bull)
McDonagh (FP)
McLeod (BH)
McPhee (BH)
Maretic (St.A)
May (Ring)
Micevski (Alt)
Miller (FP)
Minichiello (Juve)
Nicoski (Alt)
O'Dell (Fawk)
Radecki (FP)
Ragusa (Thom)
Ristovski (Alt)
Ruccia (Bull)
Sinclair (Thom)
Smart (GG)
Sweeney (FP)
Thodis (North)
Thomas (BH)
Verechia (Spr)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Sokoluk(MF)
Theoharous (Caul)
Tsangas (North)
Wall (Ring)
Warszawski (MF)

2. Aretis (Caul)
Avian (Bull)
Baran (Mar)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Bryden (S'vale)
Constantinou.J (North
Dougherty (Thom)
Egan (BH)
Farquharson (G.G)
Fattore (Fawk)
Filipou (Caul)
Findlay (S'Vale)
Giaccherini (Juve)
Griffin (Thom)
Higgins (Thom)
Ilioski (Alt)
Keenan (FP)
Kouremenos (North)
Lujic (Bull)
McGeachey (BH)
McGrellis (Juve)
McMillan (GG)
Marchett (Fawk)
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Marley (Juve)
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THOMASTOWN V ALTONA GATE .....
CROYDON CITY V NORTHCOTE CITY .....
JUVENTUS V ST ALBANS .....
BOX HILL V FAWKNER .....
GREEN GULLY V RINGWOOD CITY.....
MARIBYRNONG V MORWELL FALCONS ...
FRANKSTON P V CAULFIELD CITY .....

VICTORIAN LEAGUE Division 1 — Saturday

NUNAWADING CITY V MOOROOLBARK ...
KNOX CITY V OAKLEIGH.....
DANDENONG V SANDRINGHAM C.....
WESTGATE V ESSENDON CITY.....

Sunday

BROADMEADOWS CITY V WERRIBEE ....
MORDIALLOC V DOVETON.....
ALBION V WESTERN SUBURBS .....

Division 2 — Saturday

COBURB V SUNBURY UNITED.....
DONCASTER ROVERS V NORTH GEELONG.....
PORT MELB. V HEIDELBERG CITY.....
BRIGHTON V YARRAVILLE.....
GEELONG V RINGWOOD UN .....
WAVERLEY CITY V KEILOR.....

Division 3 — Saturday

HAWTHORN V LALOR UNITED.....
CLARINDA V SEAFORD UNITED .....
MOORABBIN C V CORIO/GEELONG UN ...
YALLOURN V ALTONA CITY.....
BELL PARK V MORNINGTON
CHELSEA V ELTHAM/DIAM. VALL. UN....
SPRINGVALE UN V HOLLAND PARK.....

Division 4 — Saturday

ROSANNA V HAMLYN RANGERS.....
PASCOE VALE V FERNTREE G.....
LANGWARRIN V CLAYTON.....
E. BRUNS/IVANH. V MORELAND P RANG ...
BENTLEIGH GREENS V KARINGAL UN ...
BORONIA V WILLIAMSTOWN.....
REGENT V KEYSBOROUGH

Provisional League — RD 24 Div. 1 — Saturday

MELTON V MOSSFIEL RANGERS.....
SOUTH YARRA V PRAHRAN.....
WEST MEADOWS V BERWICK CITY.....
OAKLEIGH SUBS V WAVERLEY UN .....
SPRINGVALE CONDORS V WEST VALE....
MALVERN C V BRUNSWICK CITY.....
EAST GEELONG V NTH SUNSHINE .....

Division 2 — Saturday

ASCOT ST MARKS V LALOR .....
BALLARAT V FRANKSTON UN.....
ALTONA EAST V UNI OV MELB. .....
SOUTH DANDENONG V SOUTH SPRINGV ...
MONASH UNI V PORT UNITED.....
CRANBOURNE V BRINTONS .....
FOREST HILL V GLENROY.....

Division 3 — Saturday

BRANDON PARK V NORTH GEELONG.....
BATMAN UNITED V MITCHAM UN .....
MEADOW PARK V WANTIRNA.....
KEW EAGLES V FITZROY CITY .....
RINGWOOD ROVERS V LYNDALE UN.....
MONBULK V ALTONA UNITED.....
RIVERSDALE V CARRUM UNITED .....

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soccer back on SBS Channel 28 at 10.30 am on Sunday mornings, isn't it?

I have just seen Inter-Milan score from a very dodgy penalty (the game winner) in the featured match v Cremonese, and I had to laugh when the goalie and the defender proceeded to get themselves sent off.

They don't half carry on over there.

I always watch the show to see all the goals from the other games and then I go out and try to duplicate some of the moves and shots I've just seen — come on, so do you.

This accounts for all the banana shots that don't bend, the overhead kicks that leave you with a broken back and the big dives in the box that make the referee laugh at you.

Ah soccer.
Ta Ta,
RAB

OVERSEAS NEWS . . .

England — Division Two: Blackburn 2 Oxford 2, Bradford 1 Portsmouth 1, Brighton 2 Port Vale 0, Hull 1 West Ham 1, Ipswich 1 Bournemouth 1, Middlesbrough 3 Sheffield United 3, Newcastle 2 Oldham 1, Plymouth 2 Barnsley 1, Stoke 1 Leeds 1, Watford 3 Leicester 1, West Bromwich 1 Sunderland 1, Swindon v Wolverhampton (playing Sunday).

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	4	2	2	0	7	4	8
Watford	4	2	2	0	6	3	8
Blackburn	4	2	2	0	5	3	8
Sheffield U	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Newcastle	3	2	1	0	9	5	7
Ipswich	4	2	1	1	8	6	7
Sunderland	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Plymouth	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Brighton	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Bournemouth	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Leeds	4	1	2	1	6	8	5
Middlesbrough	4	1	1	2	9	9	4
Port Vale	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Stoke	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Bradford	4	0	3	1	2	6	3
Barnsley	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Hull	3	0	2	1	6	7	2
Portsmouth	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Oldham	4	0	2	2	4	6	2
Oxford	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
Leicester	4	0	2	2	3	7	2
West Bromwich	4	0	2	2	3	7	2
Wolverhampton	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Swindon	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

Division Three: Birmingham 2 Swansea 0, Blackpool 0 Shrewsbury 1, Bristol Rovers 3 Notts County 2, Bury 2 Wigan 2, Cardiff 2 Brentford 2, Chester 2 Crewe 1, Fulham 1 Mansfield 0, Huddersfield 1 Bolton 1, Leyton Orient 3 Preston 1, Northampton 2 Bristol City 0, Reading 1 Tranmere 0, Rotherham 2 Walsall 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol Rovers	3	3	0	0	5	2	9
Rotherham	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Shrewsbury	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Huddersfield	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Birmingham	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Tranmere	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Bolton	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
Bury	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Reading	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Northampton	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Walsall	3	1	1	1	5	2	4
Fulham	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Blackpool	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Chester	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Bristol City	3	1	0	2	2	2	3
Mansfield	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Leyton Orient	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Notts County	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Brentford	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Wigan	3	0	2	1	2	5	2
Swansea	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Crewe	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
Cardiff	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Preston	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

Division Four: Chesterfield 0 Burnley 1, Exeter 0 Carlisle 0, Gillingham 0 Scunthorpe 3, Grimsby 4 Colchester 1, Halifax 3 Torquay 1, Hereford 3 Maldstone 0, Lincoln 2 Doncaster 1, Peterborough 1 Aldershot 1, Rochdale 0 Wrexham 3, Scarborough 1 Cambridge United 1, Southend 3 Hartlepool 0, Stockport 2 York 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln	3	3	0	0	4	1	9
Halifax	3	2	1	0	9	3	7
Grimsby	3	2	1	0	7	1	7
Southend	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Hereford	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Exeter	3	2	1	0	6	0	7
Rochdale	3	2	0	1	3	4	6
Carlisle	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
Wrexham	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Burnley	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Peterborough	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
York	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Scarborough	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
Scunthorpe	3	1	0	2	3	2	3
Stockport	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
Maidstone	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Aldershot	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Cambridge	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Colchester	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Gillingham	3	0	2	1	0	3	2
Chesterfield	3	0	1	2	4	6	1
Doncaster	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Torquay	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
Hartlepool	3	0	0	3	0	10	0

Vauxhall Conference League: Altrincham 0 Sutton 0, Barnet 5 Chorley 0, Barrow 2 Boston 1, Farnborough 3 Stafford 3, Fisher 1 Macclesfield 3, Kidderminster 2 Enfield 0, Runcorn 2 Cheltenham 4, Telford 1 Merthyr 1, Welling 3 Kettering 0, Wycombe 0 Darlington 1, Yeovil 1 Northwich 2.

Scotland — Division One: Albion 3 Clydebank 4, Clyde 2 Ayr 2, Falkirk 1 Meadowbank 1, Forfar 0 Partick 3, Hamilton 1 Alloa 0, Morton 0 Airdrieonians 1, Raith 0 St Johnstone 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Johnstone	4	4	0	0	8	2	8
Partick	4	3	1	0	11	3	7
Raith	4	3	0	1	6	3	6
Hamilton	4	3	0	1	4	1	6
Clyde	4	2	2	0	6	4	6
Airdrieonians	4	3	0	1	3	1	6
Clydebank	4	2	0	2	9	8	4
Falkirk	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Alloa	4	1	1	2	4	4	3
Ayr	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
Albion	4	0	1	3	6	10	1
Meadowbank	4	0	1	3	3	8	1
Forfar	4	0	1	3	2	8	1
Morton	4	0	0	4	1	7	0

Division Two: Brechin 2 Arbroath 2, Dumbarton 1 Berwick 5, East Fife 1 Queens Park 1, Kilmarnock 2 East Stirling 0, Stenhousemuir 1 Montrose 0, Stirling 5 Queen of South 0, Stranraer 3 Cowdenbeath 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brechin	4	3	1	0	9	2	7
Queens Park	4	3	1	0	8	2	7
Arbroath	4	2	2	0	8	6	6
Stirling	4	2	1	1	10	4	5
Berwick	4	2	1	1	10	4	5
East Fife	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Stranraer	4	1	2	1	7	7	4
Stenhousemuir	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
Dumbarton	4	2	0	2	5	11	4
Kilmarnock	4	1	1	2	3	4	3
Montrose	4	1	1	2	3	7	3
Queen of South	4	1	1	2	7	11	3
East Stirling	4	0	0	4	1	9	0
Cowdenbeath	4	0	0	4	1	7	0

Northern Ireland Gold Cup — First round: Ards 1 Glentoran 3, Bangor 2 Linfield 2, Cliftonville 1 Ballymena 1, Coleraine 1 Glenavon 2, Crusaders 1 Distillery 5, Larne 1 Portadown 5, Newry S Carrick 0.

Czechoslovakia — First Division: Zbrojovka Brno 3 Inter Bratislava 0, Slovan Bratislava 1 Dukla Banska Bystrica 1, RH Cheb 3 Plastika Nitra 1, Spartak Trnava 2 ZVL Povazska Bystrica 1, Slavia Prague 3 Dukla Prague 1, TJ Vitkovice 3 Bohemians Prague 0, Sparta Prague 1 Sigma Olomouc 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sparta	5	4	0	1	10	3	9
Bohemians	5	3	1	1	12	7	7
Banik Ostrava	4	3	1	0	6	2	7
TJ Vitkovice	5	3	0	2	9	6	6
Slovan Bratislava	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Spartak Trnava	5	2	2	1	4	5	6
Dukla Banska	5	2	1	2	4	3	5
Slavia	5	2	1	2	8	8	5
Zbrojovka	5	2	1	2	7	8	5
Bratislava	5	2	0	3	7	6	4
Sigma Olomouc	5	2	0	3	7	8	4
RH Cheb	5	2	0	3	7	9	4
Plastika	5	2	0	3	6	9	4
DAC Dunajska	4	1	0	3	4	6	2
ZVL Povazska	5	1	0	4	4	9	2
Dukla	5	0	1	4	2	8	1

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